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OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING AT CROSS ROADS CHURCH.

CROSS ROADS CHURCH, May 30th, 1882.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by Rev. A. Currie, last Moderator present.

The following members were present, viz: A. Currie, F. H. Johnston, James C. Alexander, C. N. Morrow, George Sumney, *Ministers;* and J. N. Clarke, of *Fairfield*, J. L. Wilson, of *Stony Creek*, N. P. Hall, of *Little River*, T. H. Hughes, of *Eno*, W. J. Murray, of *Cross Roads*, W. C. Donnell, of *Graham*, G. H. White, of *Hawfields*, *Ruling Elders.*

Rev. George Summey having accepted the calls from Graham and Company Shops, Messrs. Alexander and Donnell were appointed a Committee to arrange for his installation at both these churches.

A communication from Rev. L. C. Vass, requesting the appointment of a committee to organize a church at Croatan, in Craven County, if the way be open, was read. On motion the request was granted, and Revs. F. H. Johnston, L. C. Vass and Mr. George Allen were appointed said committee.

The Stated Clerk reported that he had duly cited the Cross Roads church to appear here this day, by their Commissioners, to show cause, if any, why the request of their Pastor, Rev. C. N. Morrow, asking leave to resign his pastoral charge should not be granted.

The following Commissioners appeared, viz: W. J. Anderson, E. C. Murray, R. A. Hodge, W. B. Sellars, W. N. Tate, Joseph Pickett and J. W. Lea, and in behalf of the church assented to a dissolution of the pastoral relation: whereupon, on motion, the Presbytery dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. C. N. Morrow and the Cross Roads church, and the church was declared vacant.

Rev. C. N. Morrow then tendered his resignation of the pastoral charge of the Hawfields church; whereupon the Stated Clerk was directed to cite the Hawfields church to appear, by their Commissioners, at a meeting of the Presbytery to be held at Mebaneville on the 20th of June at 2 P. M., and show cause why the pastoral relation should not be dissolved.

The Agent of Home Missions recommended that Rev. J. W. Primrose be excused from the duty assigned him in the North Eastern Evangelistic Field, and that Rev. R. A. Wailes be appointed in his place. Adopted.

Rev. C. N. Morrow obtained leave to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery for one-half his time until the next stated meeting.

The following trials were assigned to candidate R. E. Caldwell, viz:

Latin Thesis: *Quid est peccatum originale?*

Critical Exercise: Hebrews x: 19-25.

Lecture: Twenty Third Psalm.

Sermon: Romans v: 8.

The following minute was adopted:—

The Presbytery having learned with regret that the Rev. C. Miller, a valued member of this body, has determined to settle permanently in another part of the country, and has already applied for dismission to another and distant Presbytery; therefore,

Resolved, That in parting with Bro. Miller the Presbytery assure him of their best wishes and prayers that the Head of the Church would bless him abundantly in his labors in his new field. (Note by Stated Clerk. Mr. Miller was dismissed to join the Presbytery of Paris, Synod of Texas. See Records, Vol. vi., p. 177.)

The Stated Clerk presented and read the report of the Faculty of Union Theological Seminary on the literary standing for the past year of Messrs. W. F. Thom, R. E. Caldwell and R. B. Willis, students of the Seminary and candidates under the care of this Presbytery.

The Committee to arrange for the installation of Rev. Geo. Summey made the following report, which was adopted, viz:

1. Installation of Mr. Summey at Graham. Rev. F. H. Johnston to preside, propose the constitutional questions and charge the Pastor. Rev. J. C. Alexander to charge the people.

2. Installation of Mr. Summey at Company Shops. Rev. Jas. C. Alexander to preside, propose the constitutional questions and charge the Pastor. Rev. F. H. Johnston to charge the people. Time left to the Committee and Pastor-elect.

Resolved, That when the Presbytery adjourns it adjourns to meet at Mebaneville on Tuesday, June 20th, at 2 P. M.

The following list of Supplies was appointed, viz:

To preach two Sabbaths and two week days each at Louisburg, Drs. Atkinson and Wiley; at Oak Hill, Messrs. Faucette, A. Currie, J. L. Currie and J. L. Williamson; at Geneva, Messrs. A. Currie, Primrose and Jordan; at Spring Wood, Messrs. A. Currie, J. L. Currie, Morrow and Williamson; at Madison, Mr. Tidball.

To preach one Sabbath and one week day each at Leaksville, Messrs. Faucette and Watson; at Wentworth, Messrs. Craig and Thom.

To visit and preach one Sabbath at Edenton and Elizabeth City each, Messrs. Vass and S. M. Smith.

The congregations are expected to pay expenses.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Mebaneville, on Tuesday, June 20th, at 2 P. M. Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

GEORGE SUMMEY, *Clerk.*

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

MINUTES

OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING AT MEBANEVILLE.

MEBANEVILLE, N. C., June 20th, 2 P. M.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by Rev. A. Currie, last Moderator present.

The following members were present, viz: *Ministers*—A. Currie, T. U. Faucette, F. H. Johnston, C. N. Morrow, T. J. Allison, George Summey and James L. Williamson.

Ruling Elders—J. H. Hughes, *Eno;* J. N. Clarke, *Fairfield;* W. C. Donnell, *Graham;* George White, *Hawfields;* N. P. Hall, *Little River.*

The Stated Clerk announced that he had cited the Hawfields church as directed by the Presbytery, and the following Commissioners from that congregation appeared, viz: Messrs. S. M. White, W. C. Johnston, A. V. Craig and J. F. Kerr.

These Commissioners having been heard, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the pastoral relation between Rev. C. N. Morrow and the Hawfields church be dissolved, and the church declared vacant.

Rev. R. A. Wailes was, at his own written request released from the appointment to visit the Eastern Evangelistic Field.

It was resolved that when the Presbytery adjourns it adjourns to meet during the Session of the Synod in Asheville, N. C., at call of the Moderator, if necessary.

The Minutes were then read and approved.

Adjourned to meet in Asheville, during the Session of Synod in September next, at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with prayer.

GEORGE SUMMEY, *Clerk.*

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

MINUTES

OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING AT ASHEVILLE.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., September 28, 1882.

The Presbytery of Orange met according to adjournment at the call of the Moderator in the Presbyterian church at 5 o'clock, P. M., and was opened with prayer.

The following members were present, viz: C. H. Wiley, D. D., T. U. Faucette, J. H. Smith, D. D., F. H. Johnston, D. E. Jordan, A. M. Watson, T. J. Allison, S. L. Wilson, J. L. Williamson, P. H. Dalton, J. C. Alexander, L. C. Vass and George Summey, *Ministers;* with John Ripley, *Company Shops;* G. A. Denny, *Buffalo;* Jesse H. Lindsay, *Greensboro;* A. M. McPheeters, *Raleigh, 1st.;* T. C. Ford, *Lexington;* John Denny, *Graham;* W. F. Thom, *Alamance;* D. F. Morrow, *Bethlehem, Ruling Elders.*

Pending the enrollment of Ruling Elders, Rev. L. C. Vass and others gave notice of complaint, overture or such other similar method as might be determined upon, as a protest against the action of Presbytery in enrolling as members of the Presbytery at this adjourned meeting such Ruling Elders as are representatives of their churches in the Synod now in session, but who have no regular appointment as principal or alternate to this meeting of Presbytery, or that held in Lexington, of which this meeting is a continuation.

The Stated Clerk read a communication from Rev. L. H. Baldwin, asking for a letter of dismissal to the Presbytery of East Hanover. His request was, on motion, granted.

Rev. D. E. Jordan having asked of the Presbytery a dissolution of the pastoral relation between himself and the Nutbush church, and having stated to the Presbytery, in the absence of an official communication from the church on that subject, that the congregation of that church had met and formally agreed to unite with him in the application, Presbytery, on motion, dissolved the relation and, at his request, granted Mr. Jordan a letter of dismissal to the Presbytery of Bethel.

The Presbytery then took a recess until to-morrow (Friday) morning, at 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, September 29, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator.

On motion, Rev. George Summey was, in consideration of Evangelistic work he is doing in Alamance county, excused from the appointment to visit the Eastern Evangelistic field, and Rev. T. J. Allison was appointed in his place on the Committee with Rev. J. H. Smith, D.D.

Presbytery took recess to meet at the call of the Moderator.

SATURDAY, September 30, 12:30 o'clock, P. M.

The Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator.

On motion, Rev. Messrs. Vass and Alexander were appointed a Committee to prepare a Minute for the adoption of Presbytery at its approaching Stated Meeting on the subject of Ruling Elders sitting in the Presbytery who are representatives of their churches to the Synod sitttng at the same time.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet with the Nahalah church, Friday, October 20th, at 11 o'cloch, A. M. Closed with prayer.

GEORGE SUMMEY, *Clerk.*

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

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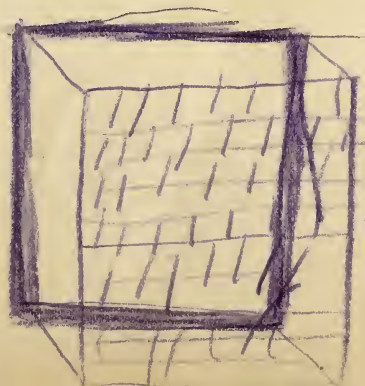

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MINUTES.

NAHALAH CHURCH, HALIFAX COUNTY, N. C.
FRIDAY, October 20, 1882, 11 o'clock, A. M.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment, and after a sermon by Rev. Samuel M. Smith, the Moderator, on Mark 14: 28, 29, was called to order, and opened with prayer.

The roll of Ministers and Churches being called, the following Ministers and Ruling Elders were found to be present, viz:

Ministers: T. U. Faucette, J. H. Smith, D. D., F. H. Johnston, J. C. Alexander, W. B. Tidball, J. W. Primrose, H. T. Darnall, S. M. Smith, P. R. Law, J. S. Watkins, George Summey, S. L. Wilson (2)—12.

Ruling Elders: S. K. Scott, of *Hawfields;* C. M. Brown, of *Washington;* W. F. Whitehead, of *Nahalah;* George Allen, of *Newbern;* R. A. Patterson, of *Littleton* (2); Orren Williams, of *Tarboro* (3). —6.

The following Ministers were absent: R. Burwell, D.D., G. W. Ferrill, D. Lacy, D.D., A. Currie, J. M. Atkinson, D.D., P. H. Dalton, C. N. Morrow, C. Philips, D.D., C. H. Wiley, D.D., L. C. Vass, T. J. Allison, J. L. Currie, D. I. Craig, A. M. Watson, R. A. Wailes, James L. Williamson.

Rev. PATRICK R. LAW was chosen Moderator, and Rev. George Summey with Ruling Elder George Allen, Temporary Clerks.

Recess was taken for one hour.

AFTER RECESS.

The reading of the Minutes of the last Stated Meeting was, on motion, dispensed with. The Minutes of the several adjourned meetings at Cross Roads and Mebaneville were read.

The reason for the absence from this meeting of Rev. A. Currie was sustained.

The Minutes of the adjourned meeting held in Asheville were read and approved.

The Moderator appointed the following Committees:

1. On Minutes of the General Assembly: Rev. Messrs. Darnall and Tidball and Mr. C. M. Brown.

2. Devotional Exercises: Rev. Messrs. Wilson and Primrose and Mr. W. F. Whitehead.

3. Installations: Dr. Smith, and Rev. J. S. Watkins, and Mr. S. K. Scott.

A call from the Grier's church for the pastoral services, for one-fourth of his time, on a salary of $125, of Rev. J. L. Currie, was read, found in order and, on motion, docketed for further consideration.

The New Hope church was granted permission to employ Rev. P. H. Dalton, as Stated Supply, for one-fourth of his time, on a salary of $200.

Applications from the churches of Lexington and Hawfields for the services as Stated Supply of Rev. A. M. Watson were read and docketed.

A communication from the Session of the Raleigh 2d church concerning that church's delinquency in payment of the Pastor's salary, and touching the interests of that church, was read and referred to the Agent of Home Missions.

The Red-House church reported that the arrears of salary reported at the last meeting had been paid in part.

The churches of Eno, Calah and Grassy Creek reported nothing done.

The churches of Madison, Henderson, Bethel, Shiloh and Hawfields reported their arrears as paid in full. The church of Cross Roads was cited to appear at the next meeting of Presbytery and show cause for the neglect to respond to the communication of the Presbytery regarding the arrears of salary.

It was made the order of the day, for 10 o'clock Monday morning, to hear the report of the Agent of Home Missions, the reports of the Evangelists, and of the brethren appointed to visit the Eastern field.

Rev. J. H. Smith, D.D., was elected Chairman of the Committee of Education in place of Rev. D. E. Jordan, and Ruling Elders Jesse H. Lindsay and Samuel C. Smith were appointed on the same committee.

The Annual Letter of the Board of Trustees of Davidson College was read.

Ruling Elder M. T. Savage, a commissioner to the last General Assembly reported attendance upon the meeting of that body.

The roll of Supplies being called, reports were made as follows, viz: Rev. T. U. Faucette at Oakhill and Leaksville; Rev. J. W. Primrose at Geneva; and Rev. S. M. Smith at Edenton and Elizabeth City, duty not performed for reasons deemed satisfactory by Presbytery.

Revs. J. L. Currie at Oak Hill and W. B. Tidball at Madison, duty performed.

Recess taken for fifteen minutes.

AFTER RECESS,

It was made the first order of the day, for to-morrow afternoon, to hear the report of the Committee on the Revision of the Manual.

The Committees appointed to install Rev. J. L. Williamson, Pastor of the Hillsboro church, and Rev. R. A. Wailes, Pastor of the Rocky Mount church reported duty performed.

The Committee appointed to instal Rev. George Summey Pastor of the Graham and Company Shops churches reporting duty not performed, was continued.

The Committee appointed to organize a church at Croatan made the following report which was received and approved, and the church duly enrolled, viz:

Your Committee appointed to organize a church, if the way be clear, at Croatan, in Craven County, would report that a church was organized at that place on the 22d of June last. Of the Committee, Mr. Johnston only was present, the other members having been

detained by sickness and absence from home. Rev. S. H. Isler, of the Presbytery of Wilmington, who is preaching by leave in our bounds, was present and assisted in the work of organization. *Ten* persons, *eight* males and *two* females, *six* of the number on profession of faith, were received, and united in covenant to walk together as a Presbyterian church according to Form of Government, Chap II., Sec. 5. Afterward *four* Ruling Elders and *two* Deacons were chosen by vote of the church and duly ordained and installed. The church agreed to be known as the "Croatan Presbyterian church."

Respectfully submitted,
F. H. JOHNSTON,
L. C. VASS,
GEORGE ALLEN,
Committee.

Rev. J. W. Primrose was elected Trustee of Davidson College —— vice D. E. Jordan.

It was resolved to reconsider the election of Dr. M. T. Savage as a Trustee of Davidson College for four years and, on motion, his term was made *three* years, to expire in 1884.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That hereafter the relations of Stated Supply shall in all cases terminate with the 31st of March.

A communication from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly touching a change in the Form of Government as to quorum of Session was read, and it was resolved,

That the overture of the General Assembly be answered in the affirmative, but with a recommendation that the new provision be guarded as suggested in the overture of this Presbytery to the Staunton Assembly, by the addition, namely, of the following words, "but the circumstances must be recorded for the Presbytery."

The Presbytery adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning, and was closed with prayer by Rev. T. U. Faucette.

SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY, October 21, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Presbytery was called to order and opened with prayer by Rev. J. C. Alexander, last Moderator present.

The Minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and approved.

Letters from Rev. L. C. Vass and T. J. Allison accounting for their absence from this meeting were read, and their reasons for absence sustained.

The Fairfield church obtained permission to employ Rev. A. Currie as Stated Supply for one-fourth of his time, at the rate of $80 per annum, or more, if collected.

Rev. S. L. Wilson appeared, and gave satisfactory reasons for his tardiness.

A communication from the Pastor of the Methodist Protestant church of Roseneath, tendering the use of that church to the Presbytery was read. The thanks of the Presbytery were tendered and the communication referred to the Committee on Devotional Exercises.

The report of Licentiate Wm. F. Thom was read, and together with his request for permission to labor beyond the bounds of the Presbytery was docketed.

The Report of the Committee on Colportage was read, received and approved, and is as follows, viz:

The Committee on Colportage would beg leave to submit the following report: Out of the funds put into the hands of the Committee, we have purchased books at *net* prices to the amount of $226.67; and have sold books per Rev. T. P. Johnston to the amount of $146.88; and per Jesse H. Lindsay to the amount of $8.14; and per Dr. Smith, $25.40. The books on hand at *net* cash prices now equal $46.25. This sum added to the foregoing=$226.67. Mr. Johnston sold at publisher's prices and was remunerated by the discount to himself, and he paid back to the Treasurer of Presbytery the *net* prices, which have all been paid in and credited on the books of the Treasurer of Presbytery.

We have not been able to sell many books for want of a colporteur. We report the above books in good saleable condition with the exception of one or two. The Committee asks again for instruction. Perhaps a new Committee located elsewhere might be able to dispose of the books, or Presbytery might direct the Committee to retain a portion, say *one-third* of the funds that are raised for Publication to be employed in increasing and diversifying the collection, and paying something additional to the discount, to the Colporteur.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. SMITH, *Chairman.*

The order of the day for Devotional Exercises for 10 o'clock was postponed until 11 o'clock.

The Treasurer of Presbytery was directed hereafter to mail directly to the members of Presbytery their copies of the Minutes of the General Assembly.

Rev. J. W. Primrose was, at his own request, relieved from the duty of making arrangements with the railroads for reduced rates of travel to the Presbytery's meetings, and the whole matter was put into the hands of the Stated Clerk.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Clerks of Sessions when making up the Statistical Reports to Presbytery in the Spring, shall report in the column headed "Total of Communicants," the *whole* number of registered communicants and not merely the number of those residing within the bounds of the congregation.

Resolved, That it be enjoined on our Church Sessions to give their attention to the Book of Discipline, Chap. XV., Par. 2, 3 and 4, respecting the transfer of non-resident members. And that the Stated Clerk be directed to transmit this order to the Sessions of all our churches.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly presented their report, which was received, amended and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

I. Your Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly respectfully report that on page 570 of the Minutes, the Assembly calls the attention of the Presbyteries to an overture of Concord Presbytery, asking that Chap. XXIV, Sec. 4, of the Confession of Faith be stricken from the Book. The Committee recommend that this subject be referred to a Committee to report to the next meeting.

II. On page 568, the Assembly's Committee on the proposed amendment of Book of Discipline with reference to the demission of ecclesiastical offices recommends the enactment of an amendment in the following form, viz: "This provision shall in like manner apply *mutatis mutandis*, to the case of Ruling Elders and Deacons; but in all such cases the Session of the church to which Elder or Deacon who seeks demission belongs, shall act as the Presbytery acts in similar cases where a minister is concerned." Your Committee recommend that the Presbytery of Orange approve of the amendment thus proposed.

III Your Committee would call the attention of Presbytery to the action of the Committee on Education, page 556, par. 5, viz: "that the lower courts be enjoined to use all means in their power to bring suitable young men of our churches seriously and impartially to consider the question of a call to the ministry;" and recommend the following action, viz: that all our ministers be enjoined to present the subject earnestly and faithfully before their several charges.

With reference to the action of the General Assembly on the subject of Fraternal Relations with the Northern Assembly, your Committee would recommend the following action:

That the Presbytery of Orange would be glad to see fraternal relations established on a clear and satisfactory basis, and regret that any complication or misunderstanding should have arisen by the adoption of the Northern Assembly of what is known as the Herrick Johnson resolution; but as that Assembly explicitly declare that that resolution is not intended to modify their action; and as our Assembly in view of the whole case appointed delegates to attend the next meeting of the Northern Assembly the Presbytery expresses its acquiescence in the action of the Assembly.

Pending the consideration of this report the order of the day for 11 o'clock having arrived, the Presbytery spent an hour in devotional exercises.

Rev. J. H. Smith was excused from further attendance upon the present sessions of Presbytery.

Rev. W. B. Tidball was appointed Treasurer *pro tem.*

Recess was taken for one hour.

AFTER RECESS,

The Presbytery was called to order, the Moderator in the Chair.

Greensboro' was chosen as the place, and Wednesday before the *fourth* Sabbath in April next at 7:30 P. M., the time of the next stated meeting of the Presbytery.

The order of the day, namely, the report of the Committee on the Revision of the Manual was taken up. The report was read, received and adopted; and the Stated Clerk was directed to have 300 copies of the Manual printed in the cheapest substantial form possible.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises presented a report which was received.

The trustees of Orange Presbytery who hold the title to the Presbyterian church property in Littleton were instructed to transfer the same to trustees to be appointed by the congregation of that church. The Trustees of Presbytery were instructed to take steps to secure and dispose of the Presbyterian church property in Warrenton.

Ruling Elder C. M. Brown was granted leave of absence after this afternoon's session.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet on Monday morning at 9 o'clock, and was closed with prayer by Rev. F. H. Johnston.

THIRD DAY.

MONDAY, October 23rd, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Presbytery was called to order and opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The Minutes of Saturday's Session were read and approved.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the resolution concerning the transfer of the Littleton church property to trustees of the congregation be so amended as to give reversion of title to the Trustees of the Presbytery in case of the extinction of the church.

Dr. R. A. Patterson and Orren Williams, Ruling Elders of Littleton and Tarboro respectively, appeared and were enrolled, and their reasons for tardiness sustained.

AFTER RECESS,

Rev. J. H. Smith, D.D., was granted leave of absence after 3 o'clock this afternoon, and Ruling Elder O. Williams was granted leave of absence after this morning's session.

The unfinished business, reports of Evangelists was resumed, &c., pending which the Presbytery took recess for one hour.

AFTER RECESS,

Rev. Messrs. Summey and Wailes were appointed on the Fourth and Seventh Standing Committees for the examination of Candidates respectively, vice D. E. Jordan.

The report of Licentiate W. F. Thom was heard and received, but Presbytery declined his request for leave to labour beyound the bounds of Presbytery.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Rev. J. W. Primrose be authorized and instructed to give certificates to all members whom he may have received while acting as Evangelist, and not yet members of any particular church and assign them membership in the churches within whose jurisdiction they may reside.

The following paper was adopted:

As the Agent of Home Missions in his endeavor to make arrangements by which all our vacant churches may have regular preaching has suggested that Yanceyville, Red House and Milton be grouped together as one pastorate, *Resolved*, That the Presbytery, in view of the geographical situation of these churches, direct him to bring this plan to the attention of these churches, and urge them to consider the propriety of adopting this grouping.

The following minute was adopted:

In view of the great and growing importance of Home Mission work in Orange Presbytery, and of the fact of the General Assembly's recommendation (Min. p. 546) Presbytery hereby resolves to make the consideration of Home Mission work a standing order for the *third* day of the session.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Agent of Home Missions be empowered, if the way be open, to employ another Evangelist for the Eastern Field, with a view of developing any new points which may be open, and to more fully develop the present weak churches in that field.

The Moderator appointed as the Committee on the matter of the Concord Overture, as called for in the report on the Minutes of the General Assembly, the Rev. Messrs. Johnston, Alexander and Tidball.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Agent of Home Missions be directed to correspond with the following churches, and if the way be open, to effect the formation of the following pastorates, viz: 1. Hawfields and Bethlehem. 2. Mebaneville and Company Shops. 3. Cross Roads, Griers and Stony Creek.

The applications of the Hawfields and Lexington churche for the services of Rev. A. M. Watson as Stated Supply were referred to the Agent of Home Missions.

The Stated Clerk was directed to return the call of the Grier's church for the pastoral services of Rev. J. L. Currie, with an explanation of the reasons for Presbytery's declining to put the call into the hands of Mr. Currie.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Agent of Home Missions be instructed to pay Mr. W. F. Thom for his past six month's services, Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars ($250), less the amount of cash and church promises which he has already received, the amount required being $115 or less.

The special Committee on the subject of Ruling Elders sitting in Presbytery during the session of the Synod, &c., presented their report which was received, amended and adopted, as follows:

Your Committee appointed to report on the constitutional questions, Whether Ruling Elders appointed regularly to represent their churches in Synod, but not intended to represent them in Presbytery, can sit in Presbytery adjourned to meet during sessions of Synod? and, Whether principles and alternates may resign to each other? would respectfully report:

I. No Ruling Elder is, *ex officio*, a member of any Presbytery, or higher Church Court, but he sits there as the representative of his church by virtue only of his election to that position. Our Form of Government, Chap. V., Sec. III., par. 5, last clause, declares that one of the powers of the Church Session is to appoint representatives to the Presbytery and the Synod, who shall, on their return, make a report of their diligence. And Sec. IV.) par. 2 provides that "every Ruling Elder, not known to the Presbytery, shall produce a certificate of his regular appointment from the Session of the church which he represents." Every congregation has a right to be represented in Presbytery and Synod, and Sessions may be censured for not appointing delegates; and the Session may censure a delegate for not attending to the duty assigned him.

We conclude then, that a delegate appointed to Synod only, has no right to a seat in Presbytery in virtue of his synodical commission; and his Session cannot censure him for not doing what he was not required to do.

II. Our Standards do not specify the length of the term of service of delegates to the higher judicatories of the Church; so, the Session may, in reasonable limits, regulate this term, and arrange specifically that the representative Elder at Synod shall also represent his church in the Presbytery at that time.

III. That an Elder without any appointment should assume to represent his church in one Court because he was commissioned to another ecclesiastical Court where different questions and issues were to be considered and decided, is an assumption without proper warrant, and liable to grow into a precedent dangerous to the welfare of the Church, and destructive of its ancient principles.

These views, that an Elder without special appointment has no right to sit anywhere as representative of his church, are sustained when we consider the second question, viz: Can principles and alternatives surrender their seats to each other? In the Old Form of Government, Chap. XVII., Sec. I., it is said, "And as much as possible to prevent all failure in the representation of the Presbyteries arising from unforeseen accidents to those first appointed, it may be expedient for each Presbytery in the room of each Commissioner to appoint also an alternate Commissioner to supply his place in case of necessary absence."

A latitudinarian construction was put on this statement, and principals and alternates were permitted to hold their seats awhile, and then from convenience, &c., resign their seats to each other. This continued until 1827 when the subject was before the General Assembly, and an elaborate opinion delivered. (See Baird's Digest, p. 272.)

For the reasons therein assigned the Assembly delivered its judgment, that that construction of the Constitution was erroneous, and the practice growing out of it was inexpedient and ought to be discontinued. But in special cases, under peculiar circumstances, it has been held that this rule may be relaxed. But each case ought to be considered on its own merits, and no precedent in favor of relaxation of the rule should be allowed to grow up and establish a practice derogatory to the dignity and usefulness of any Church Court. No change, it is obvious, can be allowed during a judicial case, and as adjourned meetings are continuations of the Stated Meeting, the churches should ordinarily be represented in them all by the delegate, principal or alternate, who first took his seat.

All of which views are respectfully submitted by your Committee.

L. C. VASS,
J. C. ALEXANDER, } *Committee.*

The members of Presbytery who gave notice of complaint, &c., at the adjourned meeting in Asheville and who had duly filed the complaint with the reasons for it, gave notice that in view of the adoption of the foregoing report they would withdraw the complaint.

It was resolved that the foregoing report be condensed in proper form and be incorporated among the Standing Rules of Presbytery, and Rev. Messrs. Johnston and Alexander were appointed a Committee to attend to this matter.

The Presbytery then took up the order of the day, namely, hearing the reports of the Agent of Home Missions, the Evangelists, and the brethren appointed to visit the Eastern Evangelistic Field.

The report of the Agent was heard and received, and pending its consideration, and the hearing of the reports of the Evangelists and others, the Presbytery took recess to attend upon public worship.

The application of the Raleigh 2d church for leave to make arrangements with some other church in the support of a minister was referred to the Agent of Home Missions.

Resolved, That the thanks of Presbytery be tendered to the citizens of this community for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained the Presbytery, and to the brethren of other denominations for the use of their churches for public worship.

Recess was here taken until after public worship to-night.

AFTER RECESS,

The Presbytery was called to order.

Rev. J. C. Alexander from the Standing Committee on Assessments made the following report which was adopted, viz:

PRESBYTERIAL FUND.

Reduced—Oxford from $12 to $19. Shiloh from $5 to $4.
Increased—Durham from $7 to $10. Durham, $15 to $20. Croatan (new) $1.

EVANGELISTIC FUND.

Reduced—Oxford $15 to $12.
Increased—Winston $35 to $40. Croatan (new) $2.

The following Supplies were ordered:

To spend one Sabbath and one week day each at Geneva, A. Currie and Primrose; at Stony Creek, A. Currie and Summey; at Madison, Tidball and Dr. Smith; at Spring Wood, Williamson and Thom; at Wentworth, Dr. Wiley and Craig; at Oak Hill, A. Currie and Faucette; at Leaksville, Johnston and Dr. Smith; at Yanceyville, Dalton and Watson; at Grier's, J. L. Currie and Williamson; at Louisburg, Watkins; at Elizabeth City, Vass and S. M. Smith; at Greenville, S. M. Smith; at Edenton, Vass; at Snow Hill, Watkins; at Selma, Allison; at Smithfield, Darnall.

The Presbytery directed that Rev. George Summey visit the Cross Roads church to look after its interests and aid the people in the adjustment of its difficulties.

Rev. J. W. Primrose was excused from attendance at to-night's session.

The Minutes were then read and approved, when the Presbytery adjourned to meet in Greensboro, N. C., on Wednesday before the fourth Sabbath in April, 1883, at 7:30 o'clock, P. M.

Closed with singing, prayer and the Apostolic benediction.

GEORGE SUMMEY, } *Clerks.*
GEORGE ALLEN, }

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

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MINUTES.

LEXINGTON, N. C., April 26th, 1

The Presbytery met according to adjournment in the Pres church at 11 o'clock, A. M., and was opened with a sermon by R W. Primrose, on Luke 17:14, "Go, show yourselves to the priests.

After sermon, the Presbytery was constituted with prayer Moderator, Rev. A. M. Watson.

The following members were present during the session, vi Messrs. Burwell (2), Faucette, Atkinson, D. D., Dalton, J. H. Smit Johnston, Jordan (2), Alexander, Morrow, Vass (2), Primrose, (2), Allison, J. L. Currie, S. M. Smith, Law (1), Watkins (2), Crai son, Summey, and Wailes.—21.

Absent—Revs. Ferrill, Lacy, D.D., A. Currie, Phillips, D.D., D.D., Tidball, Miller, and Baldwin.—8.

The following churches were represented by the Ruling named, viz:—

Alamance, L. M. Stewart; *Stony Creek*, J. L. Wilson; *Bethel*, J. C. L *Hillsboro'*, M. Currie; *Greensboro'*, C. G. Yates (2); *Lexington*, Jno. H born; *Fairfield*, J. N. Clarke; *Pittsboro'*, J. A. Alston (2); *Ashboro'* McAllister; *Graham*, J. H. Holt; *Geneva*, J. H. Webb; *Mt. Airy*, Gilmer; *High Point*, M. Shaw; *Leaksville*, N. P. Foard (2); *Reidsvil* Irwin (2); *Mt. Vernon*, J. A. Houston (2); *Littleton*, R. A. Patterson *pany Shops*, J. Anderson; *Jamestown*, J. M. Wharton; *Newbern*, Ge (2); *Nahalah*, M. T. Savage (2); *Red House*, J. B. Smith (2); Brown (2)—23.

Rev. S. M. SMITH was chosen Moderator, and Rev. Messrs. SUMMEY and T. J. ALLISON, Temporary Clerks.

The Presbytery took recess till 2:30, P. M.

AFTER RECESS

The Presbytery was called to order, and the minutes of the Session, and subsequent meetings were read.

Rev. Messrs. Baldwin, Tidball and A. Currie rendered, by letter, factory excuses for absence from this meeting.

Rev. L. H. Baldwin obtained leave to continue his labors outside the bounds of Presbytery until the next stated meeting.

The Moderator announced the following committees:—

1. To prepare a Narrative for the General Assembly. Rev. Dr. Atkinson; M. Currie and Wilson, Elders.

2. On Systematic Benevolence. Rev. Messrs. Primrose and Craig; Mc Alister, Elder.

3. On Minutes of Synod. Rev. P. H. Dalton; Shaw, Elder.

4. On Sessional Records. 1st Section—Rev. D. E. Jordan, R.S.Gilmer, 2d Section—Rev. R. A. Wailes, J. N. Clark. 3rd Section—Rev. J. L. Currie, Jno. Anderson. 4th Section—Rev. C. N. Morrow, L. M. Stewart.

5. On Reports of Sessions on Sessional Duties. Rev. Messrs. Faucette and Darnall; Patterson, Elder.

6. Treasurer's Account. Elders Holt, Welborn and Allen.

7. Devotional Exercises. Rev. A. M. Watson; J. H. Welborn.

8. Elders appointed on Standing Committees for Examination of Candidates:—1st Committee, J. C. Denny; 2d Committee, J. H. Webb; 3rd Committee, J. M. Wharton; 4th Committee, L. M. Stewart; 5th Committee, J. L. Wilson; 6th Committee, M. Currie; 7th Committee, R. S. Gilmer; 8th Committee, R. A. Patterson.

Rev. S. L. Wilson, member of Bethel Presbytery, Synod of South Carolina, being present, was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Rev. L. E. Thompson, of the N. C. Conference, M. E. Church, South, being present, was introduced, and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

The time for the granting, by the Stated Clerk, of a letter to Rev. C. Miller, was by request, extended until the next stated meeting.

A call from the Hillsboro' church for the pastoral services of Rev. J. L. Williamson, for all of his time on a salary of $700 per annum, with the free use of the Parsonage, was read and found in order, and docketed.

A call from the Littleton church for the pastoral services of Rev. S. L. Wilson, the proportion of time not being specified, on a salary of $125 per annum, was read, found in order, and docketed.

A call from the Graham church for the pastoral services of Rev. Geo. Summey, for all his time except two Sabbath evenings in each month, on a salary of $750 per annum, was read, and on motion referred to Rev. A. M. Watson, the Moderator of the Congregational meeting which made out the call, for correction in the accompanying certificate.

A call from Company Shops church for the pastoral services of Rev. George Summey, with preaching two Sabbath evenings in each month, on a salary of $75 per annum, was read, found in order and placed in his hands.

The following applications for services of Stated Supply were read and granted, viz:—

Milton church for the services of Rev. T. U. Faucette, for three-fourths of his time, on a salary of $600 per annum, from Feb. 1, 1882.

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Ashboro' church for services of Rev. A. M. Watson, for one-fourth of his time, on a salary of $100, from January 1, 1882.

Mt. Airy church for services of Rev. B. W. Mebane, for one-fourth of his time and fifth Sabbath, on a salary of $125, from 1st Sabbath of March, 1882.

Oakland church for services of Rev. R. Burwell for one-fourth of his time, on a salary of $60.

Bethesda church for services of Rev. D. 1. Craig, for one-fourth of his time, on a salary of $150, from January 1st, 1882.

The call from Graham church was again read and being found in order, was placed in Mr. Summey's hands.

Requests from the Bethesda, Tarboro', Shiloh, and Raleigh 2d churches to be released from the payment of certain assessments were referred to the Standing Committee on Assessments.

A communication from the Stated Clerk of the Synod of North Carolina, touching absentees from the meetings of Synod was read and referred to the Committee on Minutes of Synod.

The reports of Supplies for vacant churches were called for and made.

Pending these reports, Rev. P. R. Law appeared in Presbytery and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. J. M. Atkinson, D. D.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK

The Presbytery met, and was led in prayer by the Moderator.

The following members appeared and presented satisfactory reasons for late attendance, viz:—Rev. Messrs. Burwell, Vass, Jordan, Darnall and Watkins. The following Elders were also enrolled:—M. T. Savage, Nahalah church; C. G. Yates, Greensboro'; Geo. Allen, Newbern; J. B. Smith, Red House; N. P. Foard, Leaksville; J. A. Alston, Pittsboro'; J. A. Houston, Mt. Vernon.

Rev. Messrs. Burwell and Watkins also gave satisfactory reasons for absence from former meetings.

Mr. C. G. Yates was appointed Treasurer *pro tem.*

The Committee on the Minutes of Synod made the following report which was adopted, viz.:

The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of Synod beg leave to offer the following report, viz.:—

There are only two items of business transacted by Synod that call for action by this body.

1. On page 265 of the Minutes it will be seen that the Synod is in debt $175.25, and that to meet this liability Orange Presbytery is expected to pay $15 more than formerly.

2. On page 264 of the Minutes there is found this resolution, viz.: "That after each meeting of Synod it shall be the duty of the Stated Clerk to report to the Stated Clerks of Presbyteries those ministers absent who have not rendered any excuse therefor, or have given unsatisfactory excuse; and those Sessions not represented, that appropriate action may be taken in the premises; therefore,

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Presbytery be directed to pay to the Treasurer of Synod the $15 expected at our hands.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of Presbytery be directed to write to any minister, or church sessions, who have failed to attend Synod, and have not given excuse therefor.

The minutes of yesterday's session were then approved.

The Moderator announced as the Committee on Installations, Rev. Messrs. Vass and Watkins and Elder C. G. Yates.

Mr. R. B. Willis, candidate under the care of this Presbytery and student in Union Theological Seminary, was, on application, granted permission to labor during the approaching vacation in the church of Versailles, Presbytery of West Lexington, under the direction of Rev. G. H. Rout.

A request from the Pittsboro' church for reduction of assessments was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

Additional applications for services of Stated Supply were granted as follows:—

Haywood church for the services of Rev. P. R. Law, for one-fourth of his time, from April 1, 1882, on a salary of $75. Mt. Vernon, same, from July 1, 1882. Pittsboro', same, from June 1, 1882, on salary of $100.

Nahalah for services of Rev. S. L. Wilson, for half his time, from April 1, 1882, on a salary of $200.

Rev. P. R. Law, Evangelist of Presbytery, reported that he had organized a church at the Gulf, in Chatham county, with *thirteen* members and one Ruling Elder and one Deacon. Report received and the name of the church enrolled.

The Presbytery spent some time in devotional exercises according to Standing Rule.

Reports on the State of Religion from 41 churches were read and referred to the Committee on the Narrative.

Rev. J. L. Williamson, member of Bethel Presbytery, Synod of South Carolina, was invited to sit with this Presbytery as a corresponding member.

The report of the Executive Committee of Education was read and received, and pending its consideration the Presbytery took recess until 2:30, P. M.

AFTER RECESS

The Presbytery was called to order.

Rev. C. N. Morrow having asked for the dissolution of the pastoral relation between himself and the Cross Roads church, that church was cited to appear, by its Commissioner, at an adjourned meeting of Presbytery to be held at Cross Roads church, May 30th, 1882, at 2 o'clock, P. M., to show cause why the relation should not be dissolved.

Rev. Messrs. Wilson and Williamson having presented certificates of dismission from Bethel Presbytery were, after due examination, admitted to membership in this Presbytery, and their names ordered to be enrolled after the signing of the required obligation.

The Presbytery then engaged in a Conference on Church Work, sitting with closed doors; after which the unfinished business of the morning session, viz.: the consideration of the Report of the Committee on Education was taken up, and its recommendations adopted. The Report is as follows:—

The Committee on Education respectfully report that we have *seven* candidates for the ministry under our care, viz.: R. B. Willis, J. F. McKinnon, J. W. Gilmer, J. P. Paisley, W. F. Thom, R. E. Caldwell, and Wm. Cawthorne (col).

Mr. Thom has completed his course at Union Seminary, and will be before us at this meeting for licensure. Messrs. Willis and Caldwell have been prosecuting their studies at the Seminary for the past year. Mr. Willis expects, by permission, to labor during his vacation in the bounds of the church at Versailles, Ky., under the direction of its session. Mr. Caldwell desires work for the same time. We recommend that the matter be referred to Rev. J. C. Alexander, Agent of Sustentation. Mr. McKinnon is teaching in Anson county, Mr. Gilmer at Morganton, Mr. Paisley at Davidson College. Mr. Cawthorne is in Warrenton at his home, prosecuting his business and laboring as Sabbath School teacher among his own people. He wants the advice of Presbytery as to his going to Tuskaloosa.

Respectfully submitted,

D. E. JORDAN, *Chairman.*

The Presbytery referred the desire of Mr. Cawthorne to the Chairman of the Committee of Education, with instructions to open the way, as far as possible, for Mr. Cawthorne to go to Tuskaloosa.

Messrs. John Anderson and R. A. Patterson obtained leave of absence after to-day's session.

Rev. Messrs. Primrose and Watkins were granted leave of absence after to-morrow's session.

Rev. L. C. Vass reported that he had performed his duty, as directed by Presbytery, in preaching at Elizabeth City, but had not done so in respect to the appointment to preach at Edenton, and his reasons for failure were sustained as satisfactory.

Presbytery receded from business until after divine worship to-night.

AFTER RECESS

The Presbytery met.

The Report of the Committee on the Revised Directory for Worship being presented, it was resolved to receive and act upon its recommendations *seriatim.*

Pending the consideration of this report T. J. Brown of the Winston church appeared and gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Pending the same, Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. L. C. Vass.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 1882.

The Presbytery was called to order and opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The call from the Hillsboro' church for the pastoral services of Rev. J. L. Williamson was taken from the docket and placed in his hands.

Rev. J. H. Smith, D.D., was granted leave of absence after this afternoon's session.

The Committee appointed for that purpose reported that they had duly installed Rev. P. H. Dalton pastor of High Point church.

A letter from Rev. C. Phillips, D.D., was read, and his reasons for absence from this meeting accepted by the Presbytery. On motion, Dr. Phillips was excused from attendance in future upon the meetings of Presbytery, and the Stated Clerk was directed to write to him expressing the Presbytery's sympathy with him in his sufferings.

Rev. J. L. Williamson and Messrs. Holt and Webb were granted leave of absence after to-day's session, and Mr. A. C. McAllister after this morning's session.

The Agent of Home Missions presented his report which was received; and in the same connexion those occupying evangelistic fields, and churches receiving aid from the Sustentation Fund, were heard concerning their respective fields.

Pending the consideration of this report Presbytery took recess until after Divine worship.

AFTER RECESS

Presbytery met and took recess till 2 o'clock, P. M.

AFTER RECESS

Presbytery was called to order.

J. M. Wharton obtained leave of absence after to-day's session.

The Committee on Systematic Benevolence presented a report which was adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly. The same Committee made the following report also which was adopted.

The Committee on Systematic Benevolence would report:—

The following churches assign no reason for omissions, especially for the cause of Tuskaloosa Institute, viz.: Mt. Airy, New Hope, Graham, Company Shops, Leaksville, Wentworth, Jamestown, Pittsboro', Rocky Mount, Ashboro', Lexington, Milton, Buffalo. Oxford, Hillsboro', Bethel, Eno, Geneva, Springwood, Bethlehem, Durham and Nahalah. Your Committee would recommend that the Stated Clerk notify the above that respect for the Presbytery should induce them to assign a reason.

The following churches allege 'oversight' and 'inclement weather,' Raleigh 1st, Oakland, Hawfields and Cross Roads. Stony Creek failed to take collection for Sustentation, Publication and Tuskaloosa Institute, assigning as a reason that there was no preaching on the days appointed for such collections. The Committee cannot see that the excuse is sufficient. Red House and Tarboro assign the same reason. Little River, Grassy Creek and Oregon assign pecuniary inability as the reason for omission; in addition to which Fairfield alleges a vacant pulpit.

J. W. PRIMROSE, *Chairman*.

The unfinished business of the morning, viz., Report on Sustentation, was resumed, and the following resolutions were adopted:—

Resolved, The Presbytery learns with pleasure that there has been an increase in the contributions of our people to the cause of Sustentation, and to the Invalid and Evangelistic Funds.

Resolved, That the Presbytery again urges our Ministers and Ruling Elders to make diligent efforts, in private and public, to secure for the causes mentioned in the foregoing resolution from all our people a cheerful and liberal support; and the Presbytery earnestly calls upon our brethren whom God has greatly blessed in their substance to come as individuals to our assistance.

Resolved, That in order to carry out the foregoing resolutions, and to raise from individuals an amount of money to supplement, and to at least equal the regular contributions from the churches for Evangelistic work in Orange Presbytery, the following Committee is hereby appointed:

Geo. Allen, Jesse H. Lindsay, James H. Holt, J. H. Welborn, Dr. M. T. Savage, T. J. Brown.

Resolved, That the Agent of Sustentation be instructed to use all due diligence in placing laborers in the field as rapidly as the funds collected will allow.

The call from Littleton church for the pastoral services of Rev. S. L. Wilson was taken from the docket; and the Presbytery having declined to place said call in Mr. Wilson's hands, the Stated Clerk was directed to return it to the church with a statement of the Presbytery's reasons for the action.

The Report of the Committee on the Re-grouping of the Churches was presented and received and laid on the table.

The Committee on the Treasurer's Account made the following report which was received:—

The Committee appointed to examine the Books and Accounts of the Treasurer report that they have performed that duty, and find the same have been correctly and neatly kept, and the disbursements supported by proper vouchers.

JAS. H. HOLT, *Chairman.*

The Reports of the Treasurer and of the Trustees of Presbytery were read.

Ordered, that all arrearages of churches delinquent to the Presbyterial Fund be cancelled.

The Trustees of Presbytery were directed to look after any interests the Presbytery may have in the property known as the "Jersey Church," in Davidson county.

The Committee on the action of the Assembly in regard to amending the Book of Discipline, and the Powers of the Evangelist, made their report which was received, adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly. The report is as follows:—

Your Committee appointed to report on the action of the Assembly would respond,

1st. First as to amending Chap. 12, Section 3, Book of Discipline. Your Committee recommends concurrence in the proposed amendment, that the same shall apply to Ruling Elders and Deacons, *mutatis mutandis.*

2d. The General Assembly endorsed the recommendation of their Committee that no addition is needed to the Book of Church Order on the nature and functions of the Evangelist. From this action your Committee recommends dissent. We object,

1st. To the statement that no amendment is needed, the Evangelist having the right to ordain ministers in foreign fields. That the Book is held by many to

limit the Evangelist's power to the ordination of Ruling Elders and Deacons, and that this interpretation of the Book is tantamount to legislation. Your Committee apprehends future trouble and confusion on this subject, because the language of the Constitution is not explicit.

2d. We object to the statement that the Evangelist is not an ordinary minister of the gospel.

3rd. We object to the statement endorsed by the General Assembly that the Evangelist is nothing but a missionary.

Your Committee would therefore recommend an overture to the Assembly asking that the subject be reconsidered.

JNO. W. PRIMROSE, *Chairman.*

D. E. Wilkerson, a member of Grier's church, was permitted to address the Presbytery on behalf of his church; and the Presbytery, on motion, expressed its gratification at the interest manifested in sending Mr. Wilkerson to the Presbytery.

The following Commissioners to the General Assembly were nominated, viz.:—*Ministers:* A M. Watson, S. M. Smith, J. L. Currie, T. J. Allison, D. E. Jordan, D. I. Craig. *Ruling Elders:* B. Fuller, M. T. Savage, Geo. Allen, L. B. Spencer.

Messrs. Currie, and Morrow from the 3rd and 4th Committees to review Sessional Records made reports which were received, amended and approved.

Ruling Elders Denny, Stewart, Irwin and Smith were granted leave of absence after this evening's session.

The Presbytery then receded from business to meet at 8 o'clock, P. M., in the Methodist church.

AFTER RECESS

The Presbytery met.

Rev. D. E. Jordan from the 1st Committee on Sessional Records made a report which was received, amended and approved.

The proper Standing Committees on the Examination of Candidates, were directed to examine candidate Wm. F. Thom on his literary course, and it was resolved to hear the trial sermon of the candidate to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

The Committee on Sessional Duties presented the following report which was adopted, viz:—

Your Committee on Sessional Duties would respectfully report that they have received reports from 54 churches.

1. Of these none report any poor sustained by public charity.

2. Forty-one churches report expenses to Presbytery paid in full, *three* in part, and *ten* not paid.

3. Payments of apportionment to Evangelistic Fund are reported as follows: Twenty-eight churches have paid in full, twelve in part, eleven have not paid, and two are not assessed.

4. Presbyterial Fund. Thirty-nine churches have paid in full, two in part, nine not paid, and two not assessed.

5. Payments of salaries are reported as follows: Forty-three churches report as paid in full, eleven in part, as follows: Cross Roads, Calah, Bethel, Madison, Eno, Shiloh, Raleigh 2d, Red House, Henderson, Grassy Creek, and Hawfields. Measures to cancel these deficits are reported from all, except Hawfields and Cross Roads.

6. Delegates to Presbytery and Synod are appointed from 50 churches and omitted by 4.

7. Written narratives are forwarded from 50 churches. and omitted by 4.

The Committee are glad to add that in the payment of travelling expenses of delegates, payments to the Presbyterial Fund. and payments of salaries there has been an increase of at least 33 per cent. over the report of last year, and an increase of 50 per cent. in payments to the Evangelistic Fund. The whole amount of arrearages on Pastor's Salaries is $942, of which amount $723 is due from two of the churches. The remaining $219 deficit is from eight of the churches.

Respectfully submitted,

T. U. FAUCETTE, *Chairman.*

An application from the Milton church for a reduction of its assessments was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

Rev. R. A. Wailes from the 2nd Committee on Sessional Records made a report which was received and approved.

The unfinished business of yesterday,viz: Report on Revised Directory, was resumed, pending which the Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning in the Presbyterian church.

Prayer by Rev. F. H. Johnston.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 1882. 9 A. M.

The Presbytery met and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

A letter from Rev. C. H. Wiley D. D., was read, giving reasons for absence from this meeting which were deemed satisfactory.

The Committee on the Narrative presented a report which was received, adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly.

The Commission appointed to visit Horeb church being called upon, announced that it had no report.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to install Rev. R. A. Wailes Pastor at Rocky Mount church was, on motion, continued, as the duty had not yet been performed.

The Committee on the Verification of the Copied Records reported progress and was continued.

It appeared to the satisfaction of Presbytery that the Minister appointed to declare the Madison church vacant had performed that duty.

The Presbytery resolved to elect two additional Trustees of Davidson College, as invited to do by the Board of Trustees of that Institution; and Dr. M. T. Savage, of Scotland Neck, and George Allen, of Newbern, were elected Trustees, to serve respectively, four and five years.

The list of Historians of the churches being called, Rev. F. H. Johnston presented a historical sketch of Lexington church, which was received, and Mr. J., at his own request, continued as historian of said church.

Rev. J. W. Primrose was appointed to prepare a sketch of Shiloh church, and Rev. H. T. Darnall to prepare one of the Durham church.

Nahalah church, Halifax county, was chosen as the place, and Friday, October 20th, 1882, at 11 o'clock, A. M., as the time of the next stated meeting of the Presbytery.

The following Commissioners to the General Assembly were chosen, viz.:—

Ministers: Rev. Messrs. A. M. Watson and T. J. Allison. *Ruling Elders:* Messrs. M. T. Savage and George Allen.

Rev. D. E. Jordan was made alternate to Mr. Watson, and Rev. J. L. Currie to Mr. Allison.

Dr. L. B. Spencer was appointed alternate to Dr. Savage, and Mr. B. Fuller to Mr. Allen.

Rev. Jas. C. Alexander was, on motion, reappointed Agent of Home Missions.

Rev. Jas. L. Williamson having signified his acceptance of the call from Hillsboro church, the Committee on Installations reported the following order for his installation which was adopted, viz.:—

Rev. J. S. Watkins to preside, preach the sermon and charge the Pastor; and Rev. H. T. Darnall to propose the constitutional questions and charge the people. Each to be alternate to the other. Time, second Sabbath in May, or such other day as may be arranged between the appointees and the Pastor elect.

The order of the day was taken up, and the Presbytery heard the trial sermon of the candidate, W. F. Thom.

The 2nd Committee on Examinations reported recommending the approval by Presbytery of the candidate's Latin Exegesis and Critical Exercise as parts of trial. Adopted.

The Presbytery then heard the lecture of the candidate.

Recess taken until 2:30, P. M.

AFTER RECESS

The Presbytery was called to order.

The roll of the Presbytery was called for criticisms upon the Sermon and Lecture of the candidate, after which, on motion, the Sermon and Lecture were sustained as parts of trial.

The 4th Committee of Examination reported recommending approval of the candidate's examination in Mathematics and Physical Science. Adopted.

The Agent of Home Missions was authorized to appropriate $300 of the Evangelistic Fund to the Albemarle field.

The matter of grouping the Yanceyville, Stony Creek and Grier's churches was referred to the Agent of Home Missions.

The Agent of Home Missions was directed to add the sum of $20 to the appropriation to the Calah church, so that the amount paid for the Supply of that church might be $60.

Rev. P. R. Law was elected Evangelist of the Chatham field, to which an appropriation of $225 was ordered.

Mr. George Allen was appointed to settle with the Evangelist.

Rev. Messrs. Darnall and Alexander, and Mr. George Allen were appointed a committee to consider and report to this meeting the practicability of the Presbytery's sending out the resident pastors of churches to spend some time in active missionary work in unoccupied territory.

The 3rd and 1st Committees of Examination reported, recommending approval of candidate Thom's examination on Geography, History, Greek, and Logic. Adopted.

The following resolution of thanks was adopted, viz:—

Resolved, That the thanks of the Presbytery be tendered to the citizens of Lexington for their kind hospitality during our stay in their midst; to the churches who have offered us the use of their houses of worship, and to the various Railroad companies from which we have received the usual courtesies. That this resolution be read from the pulpit of this church to-morrow in connexion with the morning service.

The examination of the candidate in open Presbytery on Theology, Church History and Church Polity, and the Sacraments, having been made, was sustained as satisfactory on all these subjects.

The examination of the candidate was then, on motion, sustained as as a whole, and order was taken for his licensure this evening, after divine service.

The Special Committee on Missionary Work made the following report which was adopted:—

Your Committee on Missionary Work would report the following recommendations:—

1st. That the following named Ministers, viz.: J. Henry Smith, D.D., Geo. Summey, D. E. Jordan, J. W. Primrose, J. S. Watkins, H. T. Darnall, F. H. Johnston and T. J. Allison be appointed to visit the North Eastern Evangelistic Field of the Presbytery, under the direction of the Agent of Home Missions.

2d. That it be recommended that they go two and two together, as follows:

J. H. Smith, D.D., and Geo. Summey; D. E. Jordan and J. W. Primrose; J. S. Watkins and H. T. Darnall; F. H. Johnston and T. J. Allison; and be directed to spend at least two Sabbaths in the Field in general Evangelistic work, between this and the next meeting of Presbytery.

3rd. That the points to be visited by these brethren be determined, as far as possible, by the Agent of Home Missions and the brethren appointed, corresponding with such brethren as are near the field, or are best acquainted with it.

H. T. DARNALL, *Chairman.*

The Presbyterial Report on Sabbath Schools, as prepared and presented by the Agent, Rev. L. C. Vass, was read, adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly.

The following action on the same subject was also taken by the Presbytery:—

Whereas, The larger number of our Schools do not appear to cultivate the spirit of Christian liberality in the children, since only 13 schools contributed to the benevolent operations; nor to pay proper attention to committing the Word of God to memory; or to the indoctrination of the youth of our Church in the knowledge of the Scriptural constitution of our Church,

Therefore, we recommend to our Sessions that special care be given to secure larger attention to these points.

And the Stated Clerk is directed to have this action printed and sent down to the churches.

Resolved; That for the present year the sum of $25 and expenses be paid to the Agent of Home Missions.

Mr. Allen, who was appointed to settle with the Evangelist, made the following report, which was approved, viz :—

The Committee appointed to settle with the Evangelist report that they have settled with Rev. P. R. Law to April 1, 1882, the sum due him being $32.50, which has been paid.

GEORGE ALLEN.

The Committee on Revision of the Manual of Standing Rules of the Presbytery was, on motion, continued until the next meeting.

The Stated Clerk was authorized hereafter to have three hundred copies of the Minutes of each session of the Presbytery printed and properly distributed.

Rev. Geo. Summey was given leave to retain the calls put in his hands from the Graham and Company Shops churches until the adjourned meeting at Cross Roads church.

Revs. S. M. Smith, P. H. Dalton and D. E. Jordan were granted leave of absence after this afternoon's session.

Presbytery took recess to meet in the Methodist church at 8 o'clock this evening.

AFTER RECESS

Presbytery met in the Methodist church.

Rev. S. L. Wilson was elected Evangelist for the Nahalah field for one year.

The unfinished business, viz: the Revised Directory for Worship was resumed and the report of the committee amended, adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly. (The report besides suggesting many changes, urges further revision of the whole book.)

The Committee on Assessments presented the following report, which was adopted :—

The following reductions and increase in the assessments to the Presbyterial and Evangelistic Funds are recommended, viz :—

PRESBYTERIAL FUND.

Reduced—Eno to $5., Fairfield to $2., Madison to $8 , Milton to $10., Nutbush to $5., Pittsboro' to $4.

Increased—Company Shops to $3., Durham to $7., Graham to $20., Henderson to $8., Raleigh 1st to $40., Winston to $15.

Calah (new) assessed $1., Jamestown, $2., Nahalah $2., Gulf $2.

EVANGELISTIC FUND.

Reduced—Eno to $8., Fairfield to $5., Madison to $12., Milton to $20., Nutbush to $10., Oakland to $3., Pittsboro' to $8.

Increased—Durham to $15., Graham to $50., Greensboro to $100., Raleigh 1st to $100., Winston to $35., Calah (new) apportionment $1., Jamestown $3., Nahalah $4., Oak Forest $2., Gulf $3.

J. C. ALEXANDER, *Chairman.*

The Agent of Home Missions was given leave to hold over his Report on Occasional Supplies until the adjourned meeting at Cross Roads.

Rev. S. H. Isler, of Goldsboro, member of the Presbytery of Wilmington, was granted permission to labor within the bounds of this Presbytery.

Presbytery took recess to meet in the Presbyterian church at the close of divine worship.

AFTER RECESS

The Presbytery met in the Presbyterian church, Rev. F. H. Johnston acting Moderator.

The Presbytery then proceeded to license candidate Wm. F. Thom in the manner prescribed by the Form of Government, and a copy of the Holy Scriptures was presented to him in the name of the Presbytery.

The Minutes of to-day's session were read and approved.

Adjourned to meet at Cross Roads church May 30th, 1882, at 2. P. M.

Closed with singing, prayer and the apostolic benediction.

GEO. SUMMEY, } *Clerks.*
T. J. ALLISON, }

ATTEST: F. H. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

OFFICERS.

REV. SAMUEL M. SMITH, - - - Moderator.
Washington, N. C.

REV. F. H. JOHNSTON, - - - Stated Clerk.
Winston, N. C.

JESSE H. LINDSAY, Esq., - - Treasurer.
Greensboro, N. C.

APPENDIX.---A.

Report on the State of Religion to the General Assembly for the Year Ending April 1, 1882:

The Presbytery have abundant reason to thank God and take courage in the grateful recognition and acknowledgement of his manifold goodness toward us.

The precious means of grace have been continued to us and enjoyed in quietness and peace. Our people have regularly met together to hear the Word of God which is able to save the soul: to offer their prayers and supplications to Him who giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not, and sing psalms and hymns of praise. Some few of our churches have been favored with the extraordinary visitations of the Holy Spirit: more still have enjoyed encouraging tokens of His gracious presence and aid. Our Sunday Schools generally report an increase of attendance and interest, on the part both of teachers and pupils. Contributions to the Committees of the Church have improved.

We are pained, however, to be forced by the truth to introduce some darker shades into the picture. While we urge upon the congregations under our care the sacred duty of domestic piety, and of the reading of the Scriptures in their families with prayer, and with singing where it may be had, we have reason to believe that it is by no means so generally observed as it should be, and as we could wish it were.

The time was when Sabbath observance was a marked characteristic of the Presbyterian Church as a body, and it is still recognized and regarded as a sacred duty, We believe in the performance and authority of the Fourth Command ment. But we fear that in some of the congregations under our presbyterial care there has been some relaxation of the ancient and scriptural reverence for the Pearl of Days which is the special property of our Lord: and which so far from being regarded with less of reverence and delight than in the best and brightest periods of the Jewish Church, has, if possible, more tender, solemn and delightful interest for Christians now, because of its personal association with our risen and reigning Lord. While, therefore, we rejoice in the faithfulness and loving kindness of our covenant-keeping and most gracious God we would penitently confess our own ill-desert and transgressions. "He that hath an ear to hear let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth, saying he that receiveth it."

Respectfully submitted.

By order of the Presbytery. F. H. JOHNSTON, S. C.

B. The Report on Systematic Benevolence to the General Assembly, for the Year ending April 1882:

OBJECTS.	No. Con'ns Contri'ng.	Amounts.	REMARKS.
Sustentation.....	44	$829 76	
Evangelistic.....	44	931 29	
Invalid Fund.....	39	261 40	14 Congregations have contributed to all seven objects of benevolence ordered by the General Assembly; 4 have contributed to five of them; 5 have contributed to four of them; 1 has contributed to three of them; 1 has contributed to two of them; 2 have contributed to one of them; 5 have contributed to none of them.
Foreign Missions.....	44	1221 90	
Education.....	39	225 98	
Publication.....	39	216 92	
Tuskaloosa Institute	24	92 93	
Total		$3780 18	

F. H. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

C. Report on Sabbath Schools to the General Assembly, for the Year ending April 1, 1882:

NAMES OF SCHOOLS.	NUMBER ON ROLLS. Teachers.	Scholars.	AVE'GE ATTEND'CE. Teachers.	Scholars.	INCREASE. Teachers.	Scholars.	DECREASE. Teachers.	Scholars.	NUMBER ADDED TO CHURCH. Teachers.	Scholars.	AM'NT CONTRIBUTED FOR YOUR OWN SCHOOL.	AMN'T CONTRIBUTED FOR MISS'ARY PURPOSES
1. Alamance	15	100	11	75						5		$ 6
2. Ashboro, Union		70		45								
3. Buffalo	8	52	7	42		3	1				$ 10	
4. Bethlehem	4	40	4	30							1	
5. Bethel	12	84	9	60	3	15					10	
6. Chapel Hill	6	46	6	36	3	10				2	10	3
7. Cross Roads	4	30	4	20						1	3	
8. Durham	6	40	5	30	1	5			1	9	45	
9. Fairfield	4	50	4	30	1							
10. Greensboro	26	226	17	95			3	5	1	8	58	
11. 12. 13. Graham Three Schools	27	267	20	158					3	6	29	18
14. Henderson	13	66	11	42							3	
15. Haywood	5	22	4	20			5	28			1	
16. High Point	4	36	4	30						2	15	
17. Hillsboro	5	30	5	30		6	2			1	10	
18. Hawfields	8	82	8	60	10	20					39	
19. Jamestown, Union	15	85	12	67			2			3	10	
20. Lexington	14	76	11	55				27		5	35	
21. Mt. Airy	7	30	6	25		10	2				2	
22. Madison	4	20	3	16				7			4	1
23. Milton	8	35	8	30	1	7					9	
24. Mebaneville	6	100	6	60						1	22	5
25. New Hope	7	48	6	40						1	2	
26. Nahalah	4	33	4	30							12	
27. Newbern	11	75	7	42	1	5				1	40	79
28. Oxford	7	60	5	40		2				1		21
29. Reidsville	8	63	4	42						6	34	
30. Raleigh, 2d church	7	32	5	20	3	5					13	1
31. Raleigh, 1st church	17	139	14	78				5		1	173	54
32. Rocky Mount	12	50	8	44							32	1
33. Springwood	10	50	6	20							1	
34. Tarboro	9	30	8	21	1			2	1		27	
35. Washington	24	119	18	80						1	61	2
36. Winston	14	95	10	63		5				13	64	
	337	2372	260	1576	24	93	15	74	6	67	$775	$191

D.---PRESBYTERIAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The Presbytery of Orange reports to the General Assembly that it consists of 31 Ministers, and has under its care 62 Churches, 2 Licentiates, and 6 Candidates, viz:---

MINISTERS, LICENTIATES AND CANDIDATES.	POST OFFICES.		CHURCHES.	Elders.	Deacons.	Added on Examinat'n.	Added on Certificates.	Total Communicants.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	Number of Baptized Non-Communicants	No. in Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes.	Sustentation.	Evangelistic.	Invalid Fund.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Publication.	Presbyterial.	Pastor's Salary Actually Paid.	Congregational.	Miscellaneous.
Robt. Burwell, S. S	Raleigh,	N. C.	Oakland, S. S	3	1	1		16		4	24		2	4		1		1	2	60		
Geo. W. Ferrill, Infirm	Tally Ho,	"																				
Drury Lacy, D. D., infirm	Jonesboro',	"																				
Archibald Currie, teacher	Caldwell Institute,	"																				
Thos. U. Faucette, S. S	Milton,	"	Milton, S. S	4	3		2	79		3	35	35	6	6	7	6				600	100	50
" " "	"	"	Red House, S. S	3	3			40		4	13			3	9	7		2		89	7	
Jos. M. Atkinson, D. D., P	Raleigh,	"	Second church, P	3	2	1		33	1	9	22					22			5	560	454	
P. H. Dalton, P	High Point,	"	High Point, P	5	4	3		40		5	45	40	3	5	4	9	10	2	7	106	110	35
" S. S	University Station,	"	New Hope, S. S	3	5	2	1	98		3		48	2	5	1	4	2	2	6	200	80	5
" "	Jamestown,	"	Jamestown, S. S	2	1	3		15	3			35	2	3	2	5	1	1	2	31	59	35
" " "	Foust's Mills,	"	Calah, S. S	1	1		1	13		2	12		2				1	1		21	400	11
J. H. Smith, D. D., P	Greensboro,	"	Greensboro, P	7	7	18	16	286	9	12	175	226	481	156	20	184	41	21	40	1700	492	39
F. H. Johnston, P	Winston,	"	Winston, P	4	4	14	2	124	1	4	90	95	6	30	10	58	20	3	13	800	300	70
D. E. Jordan, S. S	Henderson,	"	Henderson, S. S	6	3		1	60		2	38	66	5	1		4	1			527	1836	
" " P	Williamsboro,	"	Nutbush, P	4	1			38		1			6	15	4	17	3	4	3	215	17	
Jas. C. Alexander, P	Greensboro,	"	Buffalo, P	6	3	3	6	144	3	2		5	25	2		18	3	3		400	43	18
" " P	"	"	Bethel, P	6	5	1		154		6		81	4	25	4	8	2	2	11	350	31	7
C. N. Morrow, P	Mebaneville	"	Hawfields, P	5	5	3	3	193	2	2		82	4		4	10	2	2		328	644	
" " P	"	"	Cross Roads, P	5	5	1		150	1	1	20	30	2	7	5	11	1	3		68	300	
Chas. Phillips, D. D	Chapel Hill,	"																				
C. H. Wiley, D.D., Supt. A, B. S.	Winston,	"																				
Wm. B. Tidball, P	Greensboro,	"	Alamance, P	6	7	8		202	4	10	111	140	6	25	3	18		1	11	439	26	14
L. C. Vass, P	Newbern,	"	Newbern, P	4	3	1	2	106		5	75	75	69	63	19	134	54	46	56	1400	134	77
J. W. Primrose, P	Oxford,	"	Oxford, P	5	1	5	7	55	8	6	46	60	7		11	10	6		12	436	151	
" " "	Sassafras Fork,	"	Grassy Creek, P	3	1	2		29	1	1	7									173	100	
" " "	"	"	Shiloh, P	4	1			28		2	20		4	3	2	4	2	1	10	177	4	18
H. T. Darnall, P	Durham,	"	Durham, P	3	5	15	11	66	4		1	40	3	3	3	3	3	3	5	900	52	10
Cornelius Miller, Intransitu	Rusk,	Texas.																				
T. J. Allison, P	Mebaneville,	N. C.	Mebaneville, P	2	1	2	5	62			13	100	3	76	3	10	4	1	12	517	40	1800
" "	Oaks,	"	Bethlehem, P	3	2	1	1	68		5	23	40	2	25	2	29	3	3	5	225	2	
Jas. L. Currie, P	Chapel Hill,	"	Chapel Hill, P	3	1	3	2	33				46	7	18	5	4	10	5	4	509	40	6
" " "	Hillsboro,	"	Eno, P	4	5	2	2	44											5	62	7	5
" " "	Caldwell Institute,	"	Little River, P	9	6	2		142	2	1		25	6	6		5	4		9	200		5
S. M. Smith, P	Washington,	"	Washington, P	5	5		3	186		3	119	110	28	95	21	70	33	21	20	1000	313	160
P. R. Law, S. S. and Evangelist.	Pittsboro',	"	Pittsboro', S. S	3	2			30			9	14	4	8	3	5	4	1	5	70	33	
" " "	Lockville,	"	Haywood, S. S	2	2	3		38	3	1	8	27	1	6			1			75		
" " "	Ore Hill,	"	Mt. Vernon, S. S	2	2			21			10		3					1		75		
" " "	Gulf,	"	Gulf, S. S	1	1			13														
Jno. S. Watkins, P	Raleigh,	"	First church, P	7	7	12	10	287	2	3	150	139	53	120	12	359	17	57	90	1526	378	709
D. I. Craig, P	Reidsville,	"	Reidsville, P	3	2	3	3	67	3	2	6		3	6	3	5	4	2	6	350	200	
" " "	Ruffin,	"	Oak Forest, P	2	2			13			8		1	4	1	2	1	1	2	100	5	
" " S. S	Ashland,	"	Bethesda, S. S	3	2			30			10		2	5	2	4	1	1	4	150		
A. M. Watson, S. S	Lexington,	"	Lexington, S. S	4	4	7	3	106	2	4	52	70	3	5	2	5	3	2	16	550	1551	25
" "	Ashboro',	"	Ashboro', S. S	3	1	1		40		2	15		3	3		3	3	2	10	100		
Geo. Summey, P. E	Graham,	"	Graham, P. E	6	4	20	11	197	7	12	68	267	25	90	35	22	20	7	34	619	327	12
" " "	Company Shops,	"	Comp'y Shops, P.E.	2	2	7	2	82	2	3	11	21	3	5	3	7	4	2	1	96	47	
R. A. Wallis, P	Tarboro,	"	Tarboro, P			3		22	5	2	23	30	10	10		13	11	5	8	836	151	
" " "	Rocky Mount,	"	Rocky Mount, P	3			2	23			10	44							3	105	212	
S. L. Wilson, S. S. and Evang.	Littleton,	"	Littleton, S. S	1				15			11	30	1	3	1	1	1	1	2	53	66	
" " "	Scotland Neck,	"	Nahalah, S. S	2		2		16	1		1	30										
J. L. Williamson, P	Hillsboro',	"	Hillsboro, P	4	2	3	2	53	2		30		7	9	6	10	3	4	6	92	107	53
L. H. Baldwin	Norfolk,	Va.																				
-81	Mt. Airy,	N. C.	Mt. Airy, S. S	3				17			3	30	7	1		4			3	125	135	
	Tally Ho,	"	Geneva, V	4	2	6	2	11	4	3	9		7	5	1	1	1	1	3	75		
	McCray's Store,	"	Stony Creek, V	4	3	1		62	1	4	19		7	2	4	3			3	85		
	Madison,	"	Madison, V	5	5	1	1	99	1		36	20	7	15	2	23	5	2	10	197	74	
	Gibsonville,	"	Springwood, V	1	3	3		65			34	56		12					3	44		
	Wentworth,	"	Wentworth, V	3	1			20				18		2	2	5	5			125	75	2
	Oak Hill,	"	Oak Hill, V	2				19														
	Leaksville,	"	Leaksville, V	3	2			17			8		3	5	5	7	3		4	100	458	10
	Hillsboro,	"	Fairfield, V	4	3			29			16	30										
	Yanceyville,	"	Yanceyville, V	2				25														
	High Tower,	"	Grier's, V	1		1	1	15					1						12			
	Oregon,	"	Oregon, V	1	1			18														
	Elkin,	"	Elkin, V		1			5														
	Speedwell,	"	Speedwell, V					10														
	Louisburg,	"	Louisburg, V					9														
	Tally Ho,	"	Horch, V					6														
Licentiates, 2.	Warrenton,	"	Warrenton, V																			
D. R. Palmer (c)	Milton,	"																				
Wm. F. Thom	Greensboro,	"																				
Candidates, 6.			—62.																			
Totals				209	142	173	105	3789	67	135	1412	2253	$891	$923	$251	$1209	$296	$205	$459	$17	177	$9631	$3076

Prof. W. C. Kerr.

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CROSS ROADS CHURCH, May 30th, 1882.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by Rev. A. Currie, last Moderator present.

The following members were present, viz: A. Currie, F. H. Johnston, James C. Alexander, C. N. Morrow, George Sumney, *Ministers;* and J. N. Clarke, of *Fairfield*, J. L. Wilson, of *Stony Creek*, N. P. Hall, of *Little River*, T. H. Hughes, of *Eno*, W. J. Murray, of *Cross Roads*, W. C. Donnell, of *Graham*, G. H. White, of *Hawfields*, *Ruling Elders.*

Rev. George Summey having accepted the calls from Graham and Company Shops, Messrs. Alexander and Donnell were appointed a Committee to arrange for his installation at both these churches.

A communication from Rev. L. C. Vass, requesting the appointment of a committee to organize a church at Croatan, in Craven County, if the way be open, was read. On motion the request was granted, and Revs. F. H. Johnston, L. C. Vass and Mr. George Allen were appointed said committee.

The Stated Clerk reported that he had duly cited the Cross Roads church to appear here this day, by their Commissioners, to show cause, if any, why the request of their Pastor, Rev. C. N. Morrow, asking leave to resign his pastoral charge should not be granted.

The following Commissioners appeared, viz: W. J. Anderson, E. C. Murray, R. A. Hodge, W. B. Sellars, W. N. Tate, Joseph Pickett and J. W. Lea, and in behalf of the church assented to a dissolution of the pastoral relation: whereupon, on motion, the Presbytery dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. C. N. Morrow and the Cross Roads church, and the church was declared vacant.

Rev. C. N. Morrow then tendered his resignation of the pastoral charge of the Hawfields church; whereupon the Stated Clerk was directed to cite the Hawfields church to appear, by their Commissioners, at a meeting of the Presbytery to be held at Mebaneville on the 20th of June at 2 P. M., and show cause why the pastoral relation should not be dissolved.

The Agent of Home Missions recommended that Rev. J. W. Primrose be excused from the duty assigned him in the North Eastern Evangelistic Field, and that Rev. R. A. Wailes be appointed in his place. Adopted.

Rev. C. N. Morrow obtained leave to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery for one-half his time until the next stated meeting.

The following trials were assigned to candidate R. E. Caldwell, viz:

Latin Thesis: *Quid est peccatum originale?*

Critical Exercise: Hebrews x: 19-25.

Lecture: Twenty Third Psalm.

Sermon: Romans v: 8.

The following minute was adopted:—

The Presbytery having learned with regret that the Rev. C. Miller, a valued member of this body, has determined to settle permanently in another part of the country, and has already applied for dismission to another and distant Presbytery; therefore,

Resolved, That in parting with Bro. Miller the Presbytery assure him of their best wishes and prayers that the Head of the Church would bless him abundantly in his labors in his new field. (Note by Stated Clerk. Mr. Miller was dismissed to join the Presbytery of Paris, Synod of Texas. See Records, Vol. vi., p. 177.)

The Stated Clerk presented and read the report of the Faculty of Union Theological Seminary on the literary standing for the past year of Messrs. W. F. Thom, R. E. Caldwell and R. B. Willis, students of the Seminary and candidates under the care of this Presbytery.

The Committee to arrange for the installation of Rev. Geo. Summey made the following report, which was adopted, viz:

1. Installation of Mr. Summey at Graham. Rev. F. H. Johnston to preside, propose the constitutional questions and charge the Pastor. Rev. J. C. Alexander to charge the people.

2. Installation of Mr. Summey at Company Shops. Rev. Jas. C. Alexander to preside, propose the constitutional questions and charge the Pastor. Rev. F. H. Johnston to charge the people. Time left to the Committee and Pastor-elect.

Resolved, That when the Presbytery adjourns it adjourns to meet at Mebaneville on Tuesday, June 20th, at 2 P. M.

The following list of Supplies was appointed, viz:

To preach two Sabbaths and two week days each at Louisburg, Drs. Atkinson and Wiley; at Oak Hill, Messrs. Faucette, A. Currie, J. L. Currie and J. L. Williamson; at Geneva, Messrs. A. Currie, Primrose and Jordan; at Spring Wood, Messrs. A. Currie, J. L. Currie, Morrow and Williamson; at Madison, Mr. Tidball.

To preach one Sabbath and one week day each at Leaksville, Messrs. Faucette and Watson; at Wentworth, Messrs. Craig and Thom.

To visit and preach one Sabbath at Edenton and Elizabeth City each, Messrs. Vass and S. M. Smith.

The congregations are expected to pay expenses.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Mebaneville, on Tuesday, June 20th, at 2 P. M. Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

GEORGE SUMMEY, *Clerk.*

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

MINUTES

OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING AT MEBANEVILLE.

MEBANEVILLE, N. C., June 20th, 2 P. M.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by Rev. A. Currie, last Moderator present.

The following members were present, viz: *Ministers*—A. Currie, T. U. Faucette, F. H. Johnston, C. N. Morrow, T. J. Allison, George Summey and James L. Williamson.

Ruling Elders—J. H. Hughes, *Eno;* J. N. Clarke, *Fairfield;* W. C. Donnell, *Graham;* George White, *Hawfields;* N. P. Hall, *Little River.*

The Stated Clerk announced that he had cited the Hawfields church as directed by the Presbytery, and the following Commissioners from that congregation appeared, viz: Messrs. S. M. White, W. C. Johnston, A. V. Craig and J. F. Kerr.

These Commissioners having been heard, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the pastoral relation between Rev. C. N. Morrow and the Hawfields church be dissolved, and the church declared vacant.

Rev. R. A. Wailes was, at his own written request released from the appointment to visit the Eastern Evangelistic Field.

It was resolved that when the Presbytery adjourns it adjourns to meet during the Session of the Synod in Asheville, N. C., at call of the Moderator, if necessary.

The Minutes were then read and approved.

Adjourned to meet in Asheville, during the Session of Synod in September next, at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with prayer.

GEORGE SUMMEY, *Clerk.*

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

MINUTES

OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING AT ASHEVILLE.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., September 28, 1882.

The Presbytery of Orange met according to adjournment at the call of the Moderator in the Presbyterian church at 5 o'clock, P. M., and was opened with prayer.

The following members were present, viz: C. H. Wiley, D. D., T. U. Faucette, J. H. Smith, D. D., F. H. Johnston, D. E. Jordan, A. M. Watson, T. J. Allison, S. L. Wilson, J. L. Williamson, P. H. Dalton, J. C. Alexander, L. C. Vass and George Summey, *Ministers;* with John Ripley, *Company Shops;* G. A. Denny, *Buffalo;* Jesse H. Lindsay, *Greensboro;* A. M. McPheeters, *Raleigh, 1st.;* T. C. Ford, *Lexington;* John Denny, *Graham;* W. F. Thom, *Alamance;* D. F. Morrow, *Bethlehem, Ruling Elders.*

Pending the enrollment of Ruling Elders, Rev. L. C. Vass and others gave notice of complaint, overture or such other similar method as might be determined upon, as a protest against the action of Presbytery in enrolling as members of the Presbytery at this adjourned meeting such Ruling Elders as are representatives of their churches in the Synod now in session, but who have no regular appointment as principal or alternate to this meeting of Presbytery, or that held in Lexington, of which this meeting is a continuation.

The Stated Clerk read a communication from Rev. L. H. Baldwin, asking for a letter of dismissal to the Presbytery of East Hanover. His request was, on motion, granted.

Rev. D. E. Jordan having asked of the Presbytery a dissolution of the pastoral relation between himself and the Nutbush church, and having stated to the Presbytery, in the absence of an official communication from the church on that subject, that the congregation of that church had met and formally agreed to unite with him in the application, Presbytery, on motion, dissolved the relation and, at his request, granted Mr. Jordan a letter of dismissal to the Presbytery of Bethel.

The Presbytery then took a recess until to-morrow (Friday) morning, at 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, September 29, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator.

On motion, Rev. George Summey was, in consideration of Evangelistic work he is doing in Alamance county, excused from the appointment to visit the Eastern Evangelistic field, and Rev. T. J. Allison was appointed in his place on the Committee with Rev. J. H. Smith, D.D.

Presbytery took recess to meet at the call of the Moderator.

SATURDAY, September 30, 12:30 o'clock, P. M.

The Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator.

On motion, Rev. Messrs. Vass and Alexander were appointed a Committee to prepare a Minute for the adoption of Presbytery at its approaching Stated Meeting on the subject of Ruling Elders sitting in the Presbytery who are representatives of their churches to the Synod sitttng at the same time.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet with the Nahalah church, Friday, October 20th, at 11 o'cloch, A. M. Closed with prayer.

GEORGE SUMMEY, *Clerk.*

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

MINUTES

OF THE

TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION

OF THE

ORANGE PRESBYTERY,

HELD AT

NAHALAH CHURCH, Halifax County, N. C.,

OCTOBER 20th---23rd, 1882.

MINUTES.

NAHALAH CHURCH, HALIFAX COUNTY, N. C.
FRIDAY, October 20, 1882, 11 o'clock, A. M.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment, and after a sermon by Rev. Samuel M. Smith, the Moderator, on Mark 14: 28, 29, was called to order, and opened with prayer.

The roll of Ministers and Churches being called, the following Ministers and Ruling Elders were found to be present, viz:

Ministers: T. U. Faucette, J. H. Smith, D. D., F. H. Johnston, J. C. Alexander, W. B. Tidball, J. W. Primrose, H. T. Darnall, S. M. Smith, P. R. Law, J. S. Watkins, George Summey, S. L. Wilson (2)—12.

Ruling Elders: S. K. Scott, of *Hawfields;* C. M. Brown, of *Washington;* W. F. Whitehead, of *Nahalah;* George Allen, of *Newbern;* R. A. Patterson, of *Littleton* (2); Orren Williams, of *Tarboro* (3). —6.

The following Ministers were absent: R. Burwell, D.D., G. W. Ferrill, D. Lacy, D.D., A. Currie, J. M. Atkinson, D.D., P. H. Dalton, C. N. Morrow, C. Philips, D.D., C. H. Wiley, D.D., L. C. Vass, T. J. Allison, J. L. Currie, D. I. Craig, A. M. Watson, R. A. Wailes, James L. Williamson.

Rev. PATRICK R. LAW was chosen Moderator, and Rev. George Summey with Ruling Elder George Allen, Temporary Clerks.

Recess was taken for one hour.

AFTER RECESS.

The reading of the Minutes of the last Stated Meeting was, on motion, dispensed with. The Minutes of the several adjourned meetings at Cross Roads and Mebaneville were read.

The reason for the absence from this meeting of Rev. A. Currie was sustained.

The Minutes of the adjourned meeting held in Asheville were read and approved.

The Moderator appointed the following Committees:

1. On Minutes of the General Assembly: Rev. Messrs. Darnall and Tidball and Mr. C. M. Brown.

2. Devotional Exercises: Rev. Messrs. Wilson and Primrose and Mr. W. F. Whitehead.

3. Installations: Dr. Smith, and Rev. J. S. Watkins, and Mr. S. K. Scott.

A call from the Grier's church for the pastoral services, for one-fourth of his time, on a salary of $125, of Rev. J. L. Currie, was read, found in order and, on motion, docketed for further consideration.

The New Hope church was granted permission to employ Rev. P. H. Dalton, as Stated Supply, for one-fourth of his time, on a salary of $200.

Applications from the churches of Lexington and Hawfields for the services as Stated Supply of Rev. A. M. Watson were read and docketed.

A communication from the Session of the Raleigh 2d church concerning that church's delinquency in payment of the Pastor's salary, and touching the interests of that church, was read and referred to the Agent of Home Missions.

The Red-House church reported that the arrears of salary reported at the last meeting had been paid in part.

The churches of Eno, Calah and Grassy Creek reported nothing done.

The churches of Madison, Henderson, Bethel, Shiloh and Hawfields reported their arrears as paid in full. The church of Cross Roads was cited to appear at the next meeting of Presbytery and show cause for the neglect to respond to the communication of the Presbytery regarding the arrears of salary.

It was made the order of the day, for 10 o'clock Monday morning, to hear the report of the Agent of Home Missions, the reports of the Evangelists, and of the brethren appointed to visit the Eastern field.

Rev. J. H. Smith, D.D., was elected Chairman of the Committee of Education in place of Rev. D. E. Jordan, and Ruling Elders Jesse H. Lindsay and Samuel C. Smith were appointed on the same committee.

The Annual Letter of the Board of Trustees of Davidson College was read.

Ruling Elder M. T. Savage, a commissioner to the last General Assembly reported attendance upon the meeting of that body.

The roll of Supplies being called, reports were made as follows, viz: Rev. T. U. Faucette at Oakhill and Leaksville; Rev. J. W. Primrose at Geneva; and Rev. S. M. Smith at Edenton and Elizabeth City, duty not performed for reasons deemed satisfactory by Presbytery.

Revs. J. L. Currie at Oak Hill and W. B. Tidball at Madison, duty performed.

Recess taken for fifteen minutes.

AFTER RECESS,

It was made the first order of the day, for to-morrow afternoon, to hear the report of the Committee on the Revision of the Manual.

The Committees appointed to install Rev. J. L. Williamson, Pastor of the Hillsboro church, and Rev. R. A. Wailes, Pastor of the Rocky Mount church reported duty performed.

The Committee appointed to instal Rev. George Summey Pastor of the Graham and Company Shops churches reporting duty not performed, was continued.

The Committee appointed to organize a church at Croatan made the following report which was received and approved, and the church duly enrolled, viz:

Your Committee appointed to organize a church, if the way be clear, at Croatan, in Craven County, would report that a church was organized at that place on the 22d of June last. Of the Committee, Mr. Johnston only was present, the other members having been

detained by sickness and absence from home. Rev. S. H. Isler, of the Presbytery of Wilmington, who is preaching by leave in our bounds, was present and assisted in the work of organization. *Ten* persons, *eight* males and *two* females, *six* of the number on profession of faith, were received, and united in covenant to walk together as a Presbyterian church according to Form of Government, Chap II., Sec. 5. Afterward *four* Ruling Elders and *two* Deacons were chosen by vote of the church and duly ordained and installed. The church agreed to be known as the "Croatan Presbyterian church."

Respectfully submitted,

F. H. JOHNSTON,
L. C. VASS,
GEORGE ALLEN, } *Committee.*

Rev. J. W. Primrose was elected Trustee of Davidson College —— vice D. E. Jordan.

It was resolved to reconsider the election of Dr. M. T. Savage as a Trustee of Davidson College for four years and, on motion, his term was made *three* years, to expire in 1884.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That hereafter the relations of Stated Supply shall in all cases terminate with the 31st of March.

A communication from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly touching a change in the Form of Government as to quorum of Session was read, and it was resolved,

That the overture of the General Assembly be answered in the affirmative, but with a recommendation that the new provision be guarded as suggested in the overture of this Presbytery to the Staunton Assembly, by the addition, namely, of the following words, "but the circumstances must be recorded for the Presbytery."

The Presbytery adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning, and was closed with prayer by Rev. T. U. Faucette.

SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY, October 21, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Presbytery was called to order and opened with prayer by Rev. J. C. Alexander, last Moderator present.

The Minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and approved.

Letters from Rev. L. C. Vass and T. J. Allison accounting for their absence from this meeting were read, and their reasons for absence sustained.

The Fairfield church obtained permission to employ Rev. A. Currie as Stated Supply for one-fourth of his time, at the rate of $80 per annum, or more, if collected.

Rev. S. L. Wilson appeared, and gave satisfactory reasons for his tardiness.

A communication from the Pastor of the Methodist Protestant church of Roseneath, tendering the use of that church to the Presbytery was read. The thanks of the Presbytery were tendered and the communication referred to the Committee on Devotional Exercises.

The report of Licentiate Wm. F. Thom was read, and together with his request for permission to labor beyond the bounds of the Presbytery was docketed.

The Report of the Committee on Colportage was read, received and approved, and is as follows, viz:

The Committee on Colportage would beg leave to submit the following report: Out of the funds put into the hands of the Committee, we have purchased books at *net* prices to the amount of $226.67; and have sold books per Rev. T. P. Johnston to the amount of $146.88; and per Jesse H. Lindsay to the amount of $8.14; and per Dr. Smith, $25.40. The books on hand at *net* cash prices now equal $46.25. This sum added to the foregoing=$226.67. Mr. Johnston sold at publisher's prices and was remunerated by the discount to himself, and he paid back to the Treasurer of Presbytery the *net* prices, which have all been paid in and credited on the books of the Treasurer of Presbytery.

We have not been able to sell many books for want of a colporteur. We report the above books in good saleable condition with the exception of one or two. The Committee asks again for instruction. Perhaps a new Committee located elsewhere might be able to dispose of the books, or Presbytery might direct the Committee to retain a portion, say *one-third* of the funds that are raised for Publication to be employed in increasing and diversifying the collection, and paying something additional to the discount, to the Colporteur.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. SMITH, *Chairman.*

The order of the day for Devotional Exercises for 10 o'clock was postponed until 11 o'clock.

The Treasurer of Presbytery was directed hereafter to mail directly to the members of Presbytery their copies of the Minutes of the General Assembly.

Rev. J. W. Primrose was, at his own request, relieved from the duty of making arrangements with the railroads for reduced rates of travel to the Presbytery's meetings, and the whole matter was put into the hands of the Stated Clerk.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Clerks of Sessions when making up the Statistical Reports to Presbytery in the Spring, shall report in the column headed "Total of Communicants," the *whole* number of registered communicants and not merely the number of those residing within the bounds of the congregation.

Resolved, That it be enjoined on our Church Sessions to give their attention to the Book of Discipline, Chap. XV., Par. 2, 3 and 4, respecting the transfer of non-resident members. And that the Stated Clerk be directed to transmit this order to the Sessions of all our churches.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly presented their report, which was received, amended and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

I. Your Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly respectfully report that on page 570 of the Minutes, the Assembly calls the attention of the Presbyteries to an overture of Concord Presbytery, asking that Chap. XXIV, Sec. 4, of the Confession of Faith be stricken from the Book. The Committee recommend that this subject be referred to a Committee to report to the next meeting.

II. On page 568, the Assembly's Committee on the proposed amendment of Book of Discipline with reference to the demission of ecclesiastical offices recommends the enactment of an amendment in the following form, viz: "This provision shall in like manner apply *mutatis mutandis*, to the case of Ruling Elders and Deacons; but in all such cases the Session of the church to which Elder or Deacon who seeks demission belongs, shall act as the Presbytery acts in similar cases where a minister is concerned." Your Committee recommend that the Presbytery of Orange approve of the amendment thus proposed.

III Your Committee would call the attention of Presbytery to the action of the Committee on Education, page 556, par. 5, viz: "that the lower courts be enjoined to use all means in their power to bring suitable young men of our churches seriously and impartially to consider the question of a call to the ministry;" and recommend the following action, viz: that all our ministers be enjoined to present the subject earnestly and faithfully before their several charges.

With reference to the action of the General Assembly on the subject of Fraternal Relations with the Northern Assembly, your Committee would recommend the following action:

That the Presbytery of Orange would be glad to see fraternal relations established on a clear and satisfactory basis, and regret that any complication or misunderstanding should have arisen by the adoption of the Northern Assembly of what is known as the Herrick Johnson resolution; but as that Assembly explicitly declare that that resolution is not intended to modify their action; and as our Assembly in view of the whole case appointed delegates to attend the next meeting of the Northern Assembly the Presbytery expresses its acquiescence in the action of the Assembly.

Pending the consideration of this report the order of the day for 11 o'clock having arrived, the Presbytery spent an hour in devotional exercises.

Rev. J. H. Smith was excused from further attendance upon the present sessions of Presbytery.

Rev. W. B. Tidball was appointed Treasurer *pro tem.*

Recess was taken for one hour.

AFTER RECESS,

The Presbytery was called to order, the Moderator in the Chair.

Greensboro' was chosen as the place, and Wednesday before the *fourth* Sabbath in April next at 7:30 P. M., the time of the next stated meeting of the Presbytery.

The order of the day, namely, the report of the Committee on the Revision of the Manual was taken up. The report was read, received and adopted; and the Stated Clerk was directed to have 300 copies of the Manual printed in the cheapest substantial form possible.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises presented a report which was received.

The trustees of Orange Presbytery who hold the title to the Presbyterian church property in Littleton were instructed to transfer the same to trustees to be appointed by the congregation of that church. The Trustees of Presbytery were instructed to take steps to secure and dispose of the Presbyterian church property in Warrenton.

Ruling Elder C. M. Brown was granted leave of absence after this afternoon's session.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet on Monday morning at 9 o'clock, and was closed with prayer by Rev. F. H. Johnston.

THIRD DAY.

MONDAY, October 23rd, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Presbytery was called to order and opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The Minutes of Saturday's Session were read and approved.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the resolution concerning the transfer of the Littleton church property to trustees of the congregation be so amended as to give reversion of title to the Trustees of the Presbytery in case of the extinction of the church.

Dr. R. A. Patterson and Orren Williams, Ruling Elders of Littleton and Tarboro respectively, appeared and were enrolled, and their reasons for tardiness sustained.

AFTER RECESS,

Rev. J. H. Smith, D.D., was granted leave of absence after 3 o'clock this afternoon, and Ruling Elder O. Williams was granted leave of absence after this morning's session.

The unfinished business, reports of Evangelists was resumed, &c., pending which the Presbytery took recess for one hour.

AFTER RECESS,

Rev. Messrs. Summey and Wailes were appointed on the Fourth and Seventh Standing Committees for the examination of Candidates respectively, vice D. E. Jordan.

The report of Licentiate W. F. Thom was heard and received, but Presbytery declined his request for leave to labour beyound the bounds of Presbytery.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Rev. J. W. Primrose be authorized and instructed to give certificates to all members whom he may have received while acting as Evangelist, and not yet members of any particular church and assign them membership in the churches within whose jurisdiction they may reside.

The following paper was adopted:

As the Agent of Home Missions in his endeavor to make arrangements by which all our vacant churches may have regular preaching has suggested that Yanceyville, Red House and Milton be grouped together as one pastorate, *Resolved*, That the Presbytery, in view of the geographical situation of these churches, direct him to bring this plan to the attention of these churches, and urge them to consider the propriety of adopting this grouping.

The following minute was adopted:

In view of the great and growing importance of Home Mission work in Orange Presbytery, and of the fact of the General Assembly's recommendation (Min. p. 546) Presbytery hereby resolves to make the consideration of Home Mission work a standing order for the *third* day of the session.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Agent of Home Missions be empowered, if the way be open, to employ another Evangelist for the Eastern Field, with a view of developing any new points which may be open, and to more fully develop the present weak churches in that field.

The Moderator appointed as the Committee on the matter of the Concord Overture, as called for in the report on the Minutes of the General Assembly, the Rev. Messrs. Johnston, Alexander and Tidball.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Agent of Home Missions be directed to correspond with the following churches, and if the way be open, to effect the formation of the following pastorates, viz: 1. Hawfields and Bethlehem. 2. Mebaneville and Company Shops. 3. Cross Roads, Griers and Stony Creek.

The applications of the Hawfields and Lexington churche for the services of Rev. A. M. Watson as Stated Supply were referred to the Agent of Home Missions.

The Stated Clerk was directed to return the call of the Grier's church for the pastoral services of Rev. J. L. Currie, with an explanation of the reasons for Presbytery's declining to put the call into the hands of Mr. Currie.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Agent of Home Missions be instructed to pay Mr. W. F. Thom for his past six month's services, Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars ($250), less the amount of cash and church promises which he has already received, the amount required being $115 or less.

The special Committee on the subject of Ruling Elders sitting in Presbytery during the session of the Synod, &c., presented their report which was received, amended and adopted, as follows:

Your Committee appointed to report on the constitutional questions, Whether Ruling Elders appointed regularly to represent their churches in Synod, but not intended to represent them in Presbytery, can sit in Presbytery adjourned to meet during sessions of Synod? and, Whether principles and alternates may resign to each other? would respectfully report:

I. No Ruling Elder is, *ex officio*, a member of any Presbytery, or higher Church Court, but he sits there as the representative of his church by virtue only of his election to that position. Our Form of Government, Chap. V., Sec. III., par. 5, last clause, declares that one of the powers of the Church Session is to appoint representatives to the Presbytery and the Synod, who shall, on their return, make a report of their diligence. And Sec. IV.) par. 2 provides that "every Ruling Elder, not known to the Presbytery, shall produce a certificate of his regular appointment from the Session of the church which he represents." Every congregation has a right to be represented in Presbytery and Synod, and Sessions may be censured for not appointing delegates; and the Session may censure a delegate for not attending to the duty assigned him.

We conclude then, that a delegate appointed to Synod only, has no right to a seat in Presbytery in virtue of his synodical commission; and his Session cannot censure him for not doing what he was not required to do.

II. Our Standards do not specify the length of the term of service of delegates to the higher judicatories of the Church; so, the Session may, in reasonable limits, regulate this term, and arrange specifically that the representative Elder at Synod shall also represent his church in the Presbytery at that time.

III. That an Elder without any appointment should assume to represent his church in one Court because he was commissioned to another ecclesiastical Court where different questions and issues were to be considered and decided, is an assumption without proper warrant, and liable to grow into a precedent dangerous to the welfare of the Church, and destructive of its ancient principles.

These views, that an Elder without special appointment has no right to sit anywhere as representative of his church, are sustained when we consider the second question, viz: Can principles and alternatives surrender their seats to each other? In the Old Form of Government, Chap. XVII., Sec. I., it is said, "And as much as possible to prevent all failure in the representation of the Presbyteries arising from unforeseen accidents to those first appointed, it may be expedient for each Presbytery in the room of each Commissioner to appoint also an alternate Commissioner to supply his place in case of necessary absence."

A latitudinarian construction was put on this statement, and principals and alternates were permitted to hold their seats awhile, and then from convenience, &c., resign their seats to each other. This continued until 1827 when the subject was before the General Assembly, and an elaborate opinion delivered. (See Baird's Digest, p. 272.)

For the reasons therein assigned the Assembly delivered its judgment, that that construction of the Constitution was erroneous, and the practice growing out of it was inexpedient and ought to be discontinued. But in special cases, under peculiar circumstances, it has been held that this rule may be relaxed. But each case ought to be considered on its own merits, and no precedent in favor of relaxation of the rule should be allowed to grow up and establish a practice derogatory to the dignity and usefulness of any Church Court. No change, it is obvious, can be allowed during a judicial case, and as adjourned meetings are continuations of the Stated Meeting, the churches should ordinarily be represented in them all by the delegate, principal or alternate, who first took his seat.

All of which views are respectfully submitted by your Committee.

L. C. VASS,
J. C. ALEXANDER, } *Committee.*

The members of Presbytery who gave notice of complaint, &c., at the adjourned meeting in Asheville and who had duly filed the complaint with the reasons for it, gave notice that in view of the adoption of the foregoing report they would withdraw the complaint.

It was resolved that the foregoing report be condensed in proper form and be incorporated among the Standing Rules of Presbytery, and Rev. Messrs. Johnston and Alexander were appointed a Committee to attend to this matter.

The Presbytery then took up the order of the day, namely, hearing the reports of the Agent of Home Missions, the Evangelists, and the brethren appointed to visit the Eastern Evangelistic Field.

The report of the Agent was heard and received, and pending its consideration, and the hearing of the reports of the Evangelists and others, the Presbytery took recess to attend upon public worship.

The application of the Raleigh 2d church for leave to make arrangements with some other church in the support of a minister was referred to the Agent of Home Missions.

Resolved, That the thanks of Presbytery be tendered to the citizens of this community for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained the Presbytery, and to the brethren of other denominations for the use of their churches for public worship.

Recess was here taken until after public worship to-night.

AFTER RECESS,

The Presbytery was called to order.

Rev. J. C. Alexander from the Standing Committee on Assessments made the following report which was adopted, viz:

PRESBYTERIAL FUND.

Reduced—Oxford from $12 to $19. Shiloh from $5 to $4.
Increased—Durham from $7 to $10. Durham, $15 to $20. Croatan (new) $1.

EVANGELISTIC FUND.

Reduced—Oxford $15 to $12.
Increased—Winston $35 to $40. Croatan (new) $2.

The following Supplies were ordered:

To spend one Sabbath and one week day each at Geneva, A. Currie and Primrose; at Stony Creek, A. Currie and Summey; at Madison, Tidball and Dr. Smith; at Spring Wood, Williamson and Thom; at Wentworth, Dr. Wiley and Craig; at Oak Hill, A. Currie and Faucette; at Leaksville, Johnston and Dr. Smith; at Yanceyville, Dalton and Watson; at Grier's, J. L. Currie and Williamson; at Louisburg, Watkins; at Elizabeth City, Vass and S. M. Smith; at Greenville, S. M. Smith; at Edenton, Vass; at Snow Hill, Watkins; at Selma, Allison; at Smithfield, Darnall.

The Presbytery directed that Rev. George Summey visit the Cross Roads church to look after its interests and aid the people in the adjustment of its difficulties.

Rev. J. W. Primrose was excused from attendance at to-night's session.

The Minutes were then read and approved, when the Presbytery adjourned to meet in Greensboro, N. C., on Wednesday before the fourth Sabbath in April, 1883, at 7:30 o'clock, P. M.

Closed with singing, prayer and the Apostolic benediction.

GEORGE SUMMEY, } *Clerks.*
GEORGE ALLEN, }

Attest: F. H. Johnston, *Stated Clerk.*

MINUTES

OF THE

TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION

OF THE

ORANGE PRESBYTERY,

HELD AT

GREENSBORO, N. C.,

APRIL 18th--21st, 1883.

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MINUTES.

GREENSBORO, N. C., April 18th, 1883.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon on Luke 9th chap., 28—36 vv. by the Moderator, Rev. P. R. LAW.

After prayer by the Moderator, the Roll of Ministers and Churches was called with the following result:

MINISTERS PRESENT—A. Currie, J. M. Atkinson, D.D., P. H. Dalton, J. H. Smith, D.D., F. H. Johnston, J. C. Alexander, C. H. Wiley, D.D., L. C. Vass, J. W. Primrose, T. J. Allison, J. L. Currie, S. M. Smith, P. R. Law, J. S. Watkins, D. I. Craig, Geo. Summey, S. L. Wilson, J. L. Williamson, W. B. Tidball (2) and T. U. Faucette (2).—20.

MINISTERS ABSENT—R. Burwell, D.D., G. W. Ferrill, D. Lacy, D.D., C. N. Morrow, C. Phillips, DD, H. T. Darnall, A. M. Watson, and R. A. Wailes.—8.

CHURCHES PRESENT BY REPRESENTATIVES— *Hawfields*, T. C. Johnston; *Grier's*, G. L. Walker; *Buffalo*, D. D. Gillespie; *Nutbush*, R. A. Bullock; *Little River*, W. D. Woods; *Stony Creek*, J. L. Wilson; *Bethlehem*, A. P. Pickard; *Cross Roads*, R. G. Lea; *New Hope*, A. Dickson; *Bethel*, J. A. McLean; *Chapel Hill*, F. P. Venable; *Raleigh 1st Church*, W. S. Primrose; *Hillsboro*, L. Lynch; *Greensboro*, J. H. Lindsay; *Fairfield*, S. M. Wilkinson; *Graham*, W. C. Donnell; *Madison*, W. B. Carter; *High Point*; W. C. Denny; *Henderson*, J. R. Young; *Mt. Vernon*, J. A. Houston; *Oak Forest*, Wm. Ferguson; *Company Shops*, J. W. Rippey; *Gulf*, J. M. McIver; *Red House*, J. B. Smith (2); *Winston*, T. J. Wilson (2); *Eno*, T. H. Hughes (2); *Alamance*, J. W. Gilmer (2); *Yanceyville*, R. B. Watt (2); *Pittsboro*, J. A. Womack (2); *Ashboro*, A C. McAllister (2); *Nahalah*, M. T. Savage (2); *Littleton*, R. A. Patterson (2); *Durham*, E. Morehead (3); *Newbern*, George Allen (2); *Reidsville*, Jas. Irvin (2).—35.

CHURCHES NOT REPRESENTED—Grassy Creek, Bethesda, Washington, Milton, Lexington, Shiloh, Geneva, Oakland, Mt. Airy, Oxford, Wentworth, Haywood, Leaksville, Oak Hill. Mebaneville, Spring Wood, Oregon, Tarboro, Raleigh 2d Church, Rocky Mount, Jamestown, Calah, and Croatan.—23.

CHURCHES HAVING NO SESSION — Speedwell, Warrenton, Louisburg, Horeb, Elkin.—5.

Rev. D. IRWIN CRAIG was chosen Moderator, and Rev. P. R. LAW with R. A. BULLOCK, R. E., temporary clerks.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

SECOND DAY. Morning Session.

Thursday, April 19th.

The Presbytery convened at 9 o'clock, and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

Wm. B. Tidball and T. U. Faucette, Ministers, with Ruling Elders J. B. Smith of Red House, T. J. Wilson of Winston, T. H. Hughes of Æno, Geo. Allen of Newbern, J. W. Gilmer of Alamance, R. B. Watt of Yanceyville, J. A. Womack of Pittsboro', and J. Irvin of Reidsville church appeared in Presbytery and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

H. T. Darnall rendered, through Dr. Smith, satisfactory excuse for absence from this meeting.

C. Miller, late member of this Presbytery, having presented a regular certificate of dismission from the Presbytery of Paris, was, after the required examination, admitted to membership in this Presbytery, and his name enrolled.

The following ministers who were absent from the last meeting rendered satisfactory excuse for their absence, viz: P. H. Dalton, D. I Craig, J. M. Atkinson, D.D., C. H. Wiley, D.D., J. L. Currie, J. L. Williamson.

C. N. Morrow rendered, through George Summey, satisfactory excuse for absence from the last meeting.

The Moderator announced the following committees:—

On the Narrative to the General Assembly and Synod.

J. M. Atkinson, D.D., P. H. Dalton, W. D. Woods, R. E.

Systematic Beneficence.

S. M. Smith, L. C. Vass, George Allen, R. E.

On Reports of Sessions on Sessional Duties,

J. W. Primrose, T. U. Faucette, W. C. Donnell, R. E.

On Sessional Records.

First Section—T. J. Allison, with A. Dickson, R. E.

Second Section—A. Currie, with G. L. Walker, R. E.

Third Section—J. L. Williamson, with J. A. Womack, R. E.

Fourth Section—George Summey, with J. A. Houston, R. E.

On Treasurer's Account.

Ruling Elders W. S. Primrose, T. J. Wilson, and R. G. Lea.

On Minutes of Synod.

John S. Watkins, with Wm. Ferguson, R. E.

On Devotional Exercises.

J. H. Smith, D.D., with J. H. Lindsay and Dr. McLean, R. E.

Installations.

J. L. Currie, with J. L. Wilson and W. B. Carter, R. E.

Applications for the services of Stated Supply from the following churches were read and docketed, viz: Fairfield, Yanceyville, Gulf, Grier's, Stony Creek, Geneva, Nahalah, Wentworth and Milton.

Applications of a similar kind were read and granted, as follows:

To Oakland church for the services of R. Burwell, D.D., for one-fourth of his time for one year from April 1, 1883, at a salary of Sixty Dollars.

To Madison church for the services of C. Miller for one-half of his time for one year from April 1, 1883, on a salary of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars.

To Bethesda church for the services of D. I. Craig for one-fourth of his time for one year from April 1, 1883, on a salary of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars.

To Red House church for the services of T. U. Faucette for one-fourth of his time for one year from April 1, 1883, on a salary of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars.

Calls for the pastoral services of Jas. C. Alexander from the churches of Hawfields and Cross Roads were read, found in order and docketed.

Rev. C. C. Dodson, of the Meth. E. Church South, and Rev. J. L. Micheaux, of the Meth. P. Church, being present, were introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brethren.

Rev. S. H. Isler, of the Presbytery of Wilmington, being present, was introduced also and invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Mr. Isler, as the representative of his Presbytery by their appointment, presented a request that Orange Presbytery concur in a petition to the Synod of North Carolina to transfer to the Presbytery of Wilmington certain territory belonging to this Presbytery along the line of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railway (Midland).

On motion the matter was referred to a special committee, consisting of F. H. Johnston, L. C. Vass, J. W. Primrose, with Ruling Elders J. H. Lindsay and W. S. Primrose, to consider the same and report to this meeting.

The Presbytery, according to a standing order, spent some time in devotional exercises.

The reports of the Agents of Home Missions and the Evangelists of Presbytery, and the general consideration of Home Missionary Work were made the order of the day for Friday, at 8 P. M.

The reports of the Sessions on the State of Religion were read and referred to the Committee to prepare a narrative to the General Assembly.

The following churches sent up reports, viz: Winston, Reidsville, Buffalo, Newbern, Shiloh, Raleigh 2d, Pittsboro', Red House, Eno, Durham, Fairfield, Oak Forest, Bethlehem, Chapel Hill, Henderson, Mt. Vernon, Greensboro', Cross Roads, Lexington, Grier's, Spring Wood, Littleton, Company Shops, Alamance, Hillsboro', Milton, Madison, Wentworth, Leaksville, High Point, Nahalah, Tarboro, Washington, Graham, Grassy Creek, Gulf, Raleigh 1st, Mebaneville, Oxford, New Hope, Hawfields, Stony Creek, Bethesda, Little River, Bethel and Ashboro'.—46.

The Presbytery, on motion, resolved to meet in the morning of each day of the Session at 9 o'clock, and take recess from 1 o'clock to 3 o'clock P. M.

The grouping of churches was made a special order for 3 o'clock this afternoon in private session.

The Presbytery then receded from business until 3 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Presbytery convened at 3 o'clock.

A. M. Watson was, at his own request, dismissed to the Presbytery of Mecklenburg.

C. N. Morrow, through George Summey, rendered satisfactory reasons for his absence from this meeting, and he was, at his own request, permitted to labor beyond the bounds of Presbytery for six months.

A call from the church in Lexington for the pastoral services of A. L. Crawford was read and found in order, and permission was given to the church to lay the same before the Presbytery of Concord of which Mr. Crawford is a member.

A call from Grier's church for the pastoral services of James C. Alexander was read, found in order and placed on the docket.

The order of the day—grouping of churches—was taken up.

On motion it was resolved that the churches of Grier's, Bethesda, and Stony Creek be directed to unite in one pastorate

A. C. McAlister, R. E., from the Ashboro' church, appeared in Presbytery and rendered satisfactory reason for late attendance.

It was, on motion, resolved that the churches of Reidsville, Leaksville and Oak Forest be grouped together in the same pastorate.

On motion, James C. Alexander was directed to visit the Leaksville church and inform them of the wishes of Presbytery in regard to their entering the group as directed; and F. H. Johnston was directed to visit the Bethesda church on a similar mission.

D. I. Craig and C. Miller were directed to continue their connection with the churches now under their care until said churches are arranged in the new group ordered and a preacher secured.

The following applications for Stated Supply were then taken from the docket and granted, viz:

To the Wentworth church for the services of C. Miller for half his time for one year, on a salary of Three Hundred Dollars, as soon as the Leaksville church shall be supplied.

To the Geneva church for the services of J. W. Primrose for one-fourth of his time for one year from April 1, 1883, on a salary of One Hundred and Seventy-five Dollars.

To the Milton church for the services of T. U. Faucette for three-fourths of his time for one year from April 1, 1883, on a salary of Six Hundred Dollars. And in the case of this church it was further resolved that they be affectionately advised to enter into the pastoral relation, and that they show cause at the next meeting of the Presbytery why they do not employ a pastor.

And the following resolution was here adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk write to all the churches under the Supply system, and request them to show cause why they do not enter the pastoral relation.

Jno. W. Rippey, R. E. from Company Shops church, was granted leave of absence after to day.

The following nominations of Commissioners to the General Assembly were then made:

Ministers—S. M. Smith, J. W. Primrose, L. C. Vass, George Summey, D. I. Craig, J. L. Currie, and J. M. Atkinson, DD.

Ruling Elders—A. M. McPheeters, L. B. Spencer, T. J. Wilson, J. P. Rainey, J. A. Womack, and W. S. Primrose.

Recess was then taken until after divine worship this evening.

EVENING SESSION.

The Presbytery met after divine service.

R. A. Patterson, R. E., from the Littleton church and M. T. Savage, R. E., from the Nahalah church, appeared in Presbytery and rendered satisfactory reasons for late attendance.

The calls from the Hawfields, Cross Roads and Grier's churches were taken from the docket and considered, and inasmuch as the parties were not ready to issue the matter, after the Commissioners present from the congregations above named had been heard, the Presbytery ordered that the Rev. J. C. Alexander together with his present pastoral charge, to wit, the churches of Buffalo and Bethel, be cited to appear before the Presbytery at a meeting to be held at the Company Shops on the 23rd of May at 11 o'clock, A. M., and show cause why Mr. Alexander should not be translated from his present charge.

Additional applications for Stated Supply were granted as follows:

To the Pittsboro' church for the services of P. R. Law for one-fourth of his time for one year, on a salary of One Hundred Dollars.

To the Fairfield church for the services of A. Currie for one-fourth of his time for one year from April 1, 1883, on a salary of Eighty-five Dollars.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer by John S. Watkins.

THIRD DAY. Morning Session.

Friday, April 20.

The Presbytery convened at 9 o'clock, and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The Minutes of yesterday, and of the day before were read and approved.

Eugene Morehead, R. E. from the Durham church, appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

The church of Grassy Creek was allowed to reduce the salary promised their pastor from One Hundred and Fifty Dollars to One Hundred and Twenty-five Dollars.

An application from Littleton church for the services of S. L. Wilson as Stated Supply was read and placed on the docket.

Licentiate Wm. F. Thom being present, made a report of his labors which was received. He also preferred a request to be allowed to labor beyond the bounds of Presbytery, which request was placed on the docket.

T. U. Faucette made a report for B. B. Palmer, a colored licentiate of this Presbytery, which was received.

Rev. L. W. Crawford, of the Meth. E. Church, being present, was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

L. Lynch, R. E., was granted leave of absence after this morning's session.

George Summey made a report of the settlement of the financial trouble in Cross Roads congregation, which was received.

The Committee on Systematic Benevolence made a report which was received, adopted and forwarded to the General Assembly. (See Appendix, D.)

The same committee made the following supplementary report which was adopted:

The following churches omit one or more collections without assigning any reason, viz: Hawfields, Red House, Bethesda, Geneva, Mt. Airy, Oak Forest, Bethel, Grassy Creek, Buffalo, Oxford, Durham, Bethlehem.

Lexington, Raleigh 2d, Shiloh and Spring Wood assign inability.

Cross Roads assigns disorder in the congregation and largeness of amount collected for pastor.

The following give "no preaching" as a reason for failure in collections, viz: Calah, Stony Creek, Wentworth, Oakland, Fairfield,

And Little River and Hillsboro assign "a bad day and no service" on the day set apart for collections.

With reference to the validity of these excuses your committee recommend that the following action be taken by the Presbytery and communicated to the churches.

1. That so far from being satisfactory reason for not taking collections, the fact of their having no preaching is rather a reason for greater liberality towards these benevolent causes, in that such churches have no salary to pay, otherwise they are doing nothing in this particular branch of Church Work.

2. That when the day appointed for any collection by the General Assembly proves inclement, and no service is held, the congregation ought by all means to have another opportunity afforded as soon thereafter as convenient.

3. It is the judgment of this Presbytery that it is beyond the province of any Session to decide that a congregation is unable to contribute to all these objects of benevolence ordained by the General Assembly, and thus discriminating between certain causes of beneficence,—that it is the duty of every session at least to offer an opportunity to its church to contribute to all these causes.

4. The Presbytery would disapprove most heartily of a custom that obtains in some churches of taking up general collections to be parcelled out by the Session according to its judgment. The Presbytery urges that a separate collection be taken for each cause, and that the pastor present the claims and needs of that special cause before the people to the end that acquaintance with, and interest in each and every branch of Church Work may be fostered and strengthened.

S. M. SMITH,
T. J. ALLISON,
GEO. ALLEN,
} *Committee.*

S. M. Smith presented and read the report of the Executive Committee on Education, for the chairman, Dr. Smith. The report was received (See Appendix B) and the following action taken:

1. *Resolved*, That the Chairman of the Committee on Education be instructed to write to candidates Paisley and Gilmer, who have asked that their names may be dropped from the roll, saying that the Presbytery would be very sorry to see

them relinquish the purpose they entertained of entering the ministry, and would earnestly request them to keep the matter under prayerful consideration.

2. *Resolved*, That the remainder of the money refunded by L. H. Yeargan (formerly a candidate under our care) be placed in the general educational fund.

The reports of Missionary Supplies ordered at the last meeting (see Min., page 32) were made and received. From these reports it appears that in most cases the appointed work was performed, and that where it was not performed the reasons were satisfactory.

The Committee on the Reports of Sessions on Sessional Duties made a report which was adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Sessional Duties would respectfully report that they have received reports from fifty churches.

1. Of these none report any poor sustained by public charity.

2. Thirty-eight churches report expenses to Presbytery and Synod paid in full; three in part; and nine not paid.

3. Payments of apportionments to the Evangelistic Fund are reported as follows: Twenty-eight have paid in full; twelve in part; nine not paid; and one not assessed.

4. Presbyterial Fund: Thirty-six churches have paid in full; one in part; thirteen not paid.

5. Thirty churches have paid the salaries in full. Twelve are in arrears, viz: Rocky Mount, Cross Roads, High Point, Calah, Bethesda, Eno, Red House, Grassy Creek, Bethel, Stony Creek, Bethlehem, and Raleigh 2d. The amount of arrearages reported is $310.20, but Cross Roads and Raleigh 2d do not report the amounts. Your committee recommend that the Stated Clerk enjoin on these Sessions to make a full statement of indebtedness to their pastors to the Presbytery at its next Fall Session.

6. Delegates to Presbytery and Synod are appointed by forty-six churches; not appointed by four.

7. Written narratives have been forwarded by forty-six churches; not forwarded by four.

J. W. PRIMROSE, *Chairman.*
For the Committee.

R. A. Wailes made, through S. M. Smith, satisfactory excuse for absence from this meeting.

The Committee on the Overture of the Wilmington Presbytery, presented by Rev. S. H. Isler, made the following report which was adopted:

The Committee on the Overture of the Wilmington Presbytery for the cession of territory in Lenoir County, respectfully recommend,

1. That the request of the overture be not granted.

2. That in view of the particular field in question, and the present relations of Rev. Mr. Isler in the case, he be invited to become a member of this Presbytery, with the view of laboring in said field under its supervision and with its assistance.

L. C. Vass, J. C. Alexander, with George Allen, R. E., were appointed a committee to organize a church at La Grange, if the way be clear.

F. H. Johnston reported that he had installed George Summey Pastor at Graham on the *first* Sabbath in December last, and J. C. Alexander that he had installed Mr. Summey Pastor at Company Shops on the evening of the same day.

The report of the Committee appointed at the last meeting on what is known as the "Concord Overture," was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

L. C. Vass from the Committee on the Verification of the Copied Records, reported progress in the work.

The Presbytery, on motion, directed F. H. Johnston to continue the work of copying the Records of the Presbytery and complete the same up to the year 1882, when the printing of the Minutes was begun.

On motion, it was resolved that the salary of the Stated Clerk be increased to Fifty Dollars per annum.

Jas. C. Alexander was, on motion, unanimously re-elected Presbyterial Agent of Home Missions.

Tarboro' was chosen as the place, and Thursday, November 8th, 1883, at 7.30 P. M., as the time of the next semi-annual session of the Presbytery.

Geo. Summey, from the Committee on the Review of Sessional Records (4th section) made a report which was received and adopted.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Sessions be directed carefully to read or revise their Minutes before sending them up to the Presbytery for review, to see that they are in order, and conformed in every respect to the regulations of the Form of Government and of the Rules adopted by this body as to the proper matter for Sessional Record.

Leave of absence was granted to T. H. Hughes, R. E., after to-day's sessions.

John W. Primrose, at the request of Mr. John W. Hayes, of Oxford, executor of Louis K. Wiley, deceased, reported the payment to the Presbytery of Twelve Hundred and Sixty Dollars ($1260) of his bequest to this Presbytery, whereupon a committee consisting of J. C. Alexander, J. S. Watkins, L. C. Vass, T. U. Faucette, with Ruling Elder George Allen, was appointed to submit to the Presbytery to-night, suggestions concerning the disposition proper to be made of the money given to it by Mr. Wiley.

On motion of L. C. Vass it was resolved that One Hundred Dollars of the sum bequeathed to the Presbytery for Foreign Missions by the late Margaret J. Montgomery, a member of the Reidsville church, be sent to Rev. John W. Davis to help build and complete a chapel in Souchow, China, and that the remainder of the bequest ($400) be placed in the treasury of Foreign Missions in Baltimore to advance the general cause.

The Committee on the Treasurer's Books and Account made their report which was received and adopted, viz:

The undersigned, the Committee to whom the report and books of Mr. Jesse H. Lindsay, Treasurer of Orange Presbytery, were referred for examination, respectfully report that they have made a full examination of the Treasurer's Accounts; that they find them accurately kept; all of the various entries are supported by proper vouchers, with a single exception of one small remittance made to the Treasurer of the Board of Education, the amount of which was regularly sent forward but seems not to have been receipted for. Our attention is called to its absence by the Treasurer.

The report shows a balance on hand for the Presbyterial Fund of $196.62, also calls the attention of Presbytery to the gift of $500 from Miss M. J. Montgomery, of the Reidsville church, to be devoted to Foreign Missions, and concerning this money the Treasurer asks the Presbytery to decide and instruct him whether to send the amount in full to the general Foreign Missionary Fund, or to make any special conditions for its use in certain fields.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. PRIMROSE,
THOS. J. WILSON, } *Committee.*
R. G. LEA,

D. I. Craig made a verbal report concerning a visit to the Oregon church by order of the Presbytery, which was received and approved.

The Presbytery receded from business until 3 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Presbytery was called to order at 3 o'clock.

Leave of absence was granted to Ruling Elders A. Dickson, J. Irwin, Wm. Ferguson, and J. M. McIver after to-night's session.

A. Currie, from the Committee on Sessional Records (2d Section), made a report which was received, amended and approved.

T. J. Allison from the Committee on Sessional Records (1st Section), made a report which was received, amended and approved.

It was resolved that the Stated Clerk call the attention of Clerks of Sessions to Par. 4, sec. 4, chap. 4, Form of Government, in regard to Sessions of churches receiving once a year a report from their Board of Deacons.

An election was held of Commissioners to the General Assembly which resulted as follows:

Ministers—D. I. Craig and J. L. Currie, *Principals.*
J. M. Atkinson, D.D., and L. C. Vass, *Alternates.*
Ruling Elders—W. S. Primrose and L. B. Spencer, *Principals.*
John P. Rainey and A. M. McPheeters, *Alternates.*

J. L. Williamson, from the Committee to review the Sessional Records (3rd Section), made a report which was received, amended and approved.

C. H. Wiley, D.D., and Ruling Elders T. C. Johnston, S. M. Wilkinson, T. J. Wilson, W. D. Woods, J. C. Wilson and R. G. Lea were granted leave of absence after to-night's session.

The Committee to prepare a Narrative of the State of Religion to the General Assembly and the Synod made a report which was received, adopted and ordered to be forwarded. (See Appendix C.)

The reports of the Treasurer of Presbytery, and of the Trustees of Presbytery were presented and read.

Presbytery resolved to hold an adjourned meeting at 11 A. M., on Wednesday next after the *third* Sabbath in May, at the Company Shops.

Recess was here taken until 8 o'clock, P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

The Presbytery came to order at 8 o'clock.

The special order,—hearing reports of Agents of Home Missions and of the Evangelists of the Presbytery—was taken up.

Jas. C. Alexander, Agent of Home Missions, read his report which was received.

P. R. Law, Evangelist in the Chatham field, made a verbal report which was received.

S. L. Wilson, Evangelist in the Nahalah field, made also a verbal report which was received, and pending the discussion of the matter of these reports, Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

FOURTH DAY. Morning Session.

Saturday, April 21.

The Presbytery convened at 9 o'clock, and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee on the Minutes of Synod made a report to the effect that there was nothing in these Minutes calling for special attention.

Rev. E. F. Baldwin, of the Baptist Church, being present, was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

The unfinished business of last night was resumed, to wit; the consideration of Home Missionary Work, and the following special action was taken:

Whereas, An application has been sent us from Elizabeth City asking for a minister, and pledging the sum of Three Hundred Dollars towards his support, therefore,

Resolved That Orange Presbytery hereby appropriates the sum of Three Hundred Dollars for that field from the Evangelistic Fund, and hereby appoints ———————— an Evangelist for that field who shall occupy Elizabeth City as his main centre of operations.

The order of the day, to-wit, the report of the Special Committee on the matter of the "Concord Overture" was taken up.

The report was read and received, and the following substitute was, on motion, by a vote of 18 Ayes to 13 Noes, adopted and ordered to be transmitted to the General Assembly, viz:

Whereas, An overture from the Presbytery of Concord to the General Assembly of 1882, praying that body in its wisdom to consider and remove from our Confession of Faith, the last sentence of the 4th Section of chapter 24, on the law of marriage, has been published by that Assembly, and the special attention of the Presbyteries called to it as involving a matter of grave and general interest, therefore,

Be it resolved, By this Presbytery that, in their opinion, the particular law in question should be removed.

L. C. Vass, Presbyterial Agent of Sabbath Schools, presented his report which was read, received, adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly. (See Appendix, E.)

George Summey, with Ruling Elder George Allen, was appointed a committee to settle with the Evangelists.

J. L. Williamson and J. W. Gilmer, R. E., were granted leave of absence after the forenoon session.

It was resolved that the Pittsboro', Gulf and Haywood churches be united in one field to be known as the Chatham field.

It was resolved that Ashboro', Calah and Mt. Vernon churches be united into one field to be known as the Ashboro' field.

S. L. Wilson was elected Evangelist of the Elizabeth City field.

Theo. P. Epes, of Greenwich, Va., Presbytery of Chesapeake, was elected Evangelist of the Nahalah field, and Three Hundred Dollars were appropriated to his support from the Evangelistic Fund.

P. R. Law was elected Evangelist of the Chatham field, and Two Hundred and Twenty-five Dollars from the Evangelistic Fund, and One Hundred and Fifty Dollars from the Sustentation Fund were appropriated for his support.

Licentiate W. F. Thom was chosen Evangelist to labor in the Ashboro' field, and Two Hundred and Seventy-five Dollars were appropriated for his support from the Evangelistic Fund.

Resolved, That S. L. Wilson continue to labor in the Nahalah field until a successor is provided.

Licentiate W. F. Thom was directed to appear before the Presbytery at their adjourned meeting at the Company Shops on the 23rd of May, with a view to his ordination to the full work of an Evangelist.

Presbytery receded from business until 3 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After recess the Presbytery met.

Messrs. Dalton, Primrose, Law, Allison, Vass and Ruling Elders W. S. Primrose, W. B. Carter, J. L. Wilson, J. A. McLean, A. P. Pickard and F. P. Venable were granted leave of absence after this afternoon's session.

It was resolved that a committee consisting of W. S. Primrose, George Allen, A. M. Scales and R. P. Dick be appointed to confer with the Greensboro church, with a view to securing the services of their Pastor, J. H. Smith, D.D., as an Evangelist in the eastern part of the State for six or twelve months.

It was resolved that in case Bethesda church does not enter into the group ordered, Presbytery appropriate the amount paid by Bethesda for ministerial support, to-wit: One Hundred and Fifty Dollars.

The appointment of J. C. Alexander to visit the Leaksville church was reconsidered, and P. H. Dalton appointed in his stead.

George Summey made a report of settlement with the Evangelists which was received and approved as follows:

The Committee appointed to settle with the Evangelists would report that nothing is due Rev. S. L. Wilson up to April 1, 1883. And that the sum of Seventy-nine Dollars is due to Rev. P. R. Law on salary to April 1, 1883, and Eight Dollars on traveling expenses.

GEO. SUMMEY, }
GEO. ALLEN, } *Committee.*

Mr. James Edwin Mebane was introduced by C. Miller to the Presbytery as a candidate for the Gospel ministry, desiring to be taken under the care of Presbytery, Mr. Mebane is a member of the Madison church, and his examination was made a special order for this evening after divine service.

Jas. C. Alexander, from the Committee on the Wiley Fund, made a report which was adopted with this amendment, to wit: that the appropriations to church erection named in the report be endorsed by the Agent of Home Missions before being paid. The report is as follows:

The committee to whom the Wiley bequest was referred report as follows:

1. That the sum of Two Hundred Dollars be appropriated as a supplement to the salary of Rev. J. M. Atkinson, D.D., Pastor of the Second Church, Raleigh, One Hundred Dollars to be paid now, and One Hundred at the beginning of January, 1884.

2. That the following sums be appropriated to aid in church erection:

To Croatan church, One Hundred Dollars.

To Gulf Church, Two Hundred Dollars.

To Enfield. Two Hundred Dollars.

3. To aid in missionary work at La Grange, Snow Hill and Croatan, One Hundred and Twenty-five Dollars.

The appropriations for church erection are made on the condition that they will complete the church.

That Fifty Dollars be appropriated to the Nahalah field, if necessary, to secure a minister.

The committee call attention to the fact that Chapel Hill will probably need assistance next year.

The following resolution was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That a committee shall be appointed by the Moderator at each meeting of Presbytery, consisting of two Ministers and two Ruling Elders, who with the Agent of Home Missions as Chairman, shall meet from time to time during the session of Presbytery, and to whom shall be referred all matters concerning change of Pastors and Stated Supplies, and all applications for aid, with instructions to report the same to Presbytery with recommendations.

The Stated Clerk asked permission of the Presbytery to provide his office with an archive chest, at the cost of the Presbytery, in which to preserve the records and papers of the Presbytery.

The request was granted, the cost of the chest not to exceed ten dollars.

Col. R B. Watt, of the Yanceyville church, was added to the committee to visit Bethesda church with reference to the grouping ordered.

Fifty Dollars were added to the salary of the Evangelist of the Chatham field from the Evangelistic Fund.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Presbytery invests the Missionary Supplies who are sent out from time to time into destitute places, with evangelistic authority during their visits; to receive persons into Church membership and communion; and that such persons be enrolled in the lists of the church of which the Missionary is Pastor or Supply.

Recess taken until after divine service to-night.

EVENING SESSION.

The Presbytery met after recess.

D. D. Gillespie, of Buffalo church, obtained leave of absence.

The committee on Assessments made the following report which was adopted:

Evangelistic Fund.

Reductions—Ashboro' from $8.00 to $5.00; Raleigh 2d church, released; Eno from $8.00 to $5.00; Bethesda from $8.00 to $4.00; Hawfields from $35.00 to

$25.00; New Hope from $10.00 to $8.00; Spring Wood from $12.00 to $8.00; Grassy Creek from $5.00 to $1.00; Red House from $10.00 to $6.00.

PRESBYTERIAL FUND.

Reductions—Mt. Airy from $3.00 to $2.00; Grassy Creek from $2.00 to $1.00.

Judge Robert P. Dick, of Greensboro, was chosen to fill the vacancy on the Board of Trustees of Presbytery, occasioned by the death of Mr. C. G. Yates.

The following vote of thanks was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Presbytery are hereby tendered to the good people of Greensboro' for their cordial hospitality, to the churches of other denominations for the use of their houses of worship, and to the different Railroad Companies for the reduction made in the fare of delegates; and that this resolution be read in this house to-morrow morning.

James E. Mebane, previously introduced to the Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry, was now examined on his religious views and experience, and his motives for seeking the Gospel ministry, which examination having been satisfactory in all points, Mr. Mebane was received under the care of this Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry.

A letter to D. I. Craig from a Mr. Doggett, student in Princeton Seminary, inquiring about employment during his summer vacation in the bounds of this Presbytery, having been brought to the notice of the Presbytery, it was referred to the Agent of Home Missions.

The Minutes were read, corrected and approved.

And there being no further business, the Presbytery adjourned to meet at Company Shops on Wednesday, the 23rd of May next, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Closed with singing, prayer and the apostolic benediction.

P. R. LAW, } *Temporary*
R. A. BULLOCK, } *Clerks.*

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

A.---Minutes of the pro re nata Meeting held in Greensboro, January 3, 1883.

GREENSBORO, N, C., January 3, 1883, 11 A. m.

The Presbytery met at time and place as above, in pursuance of the following call of the Moderator:

Application having been made to me according to Form of Government, Chap. 5., Sec. 4., Par. 8, Presbytery of Orange is hereby called to meet in the Presbyterian church in Greensboro, N. C., on Wednesday, January 3rd, 1883, at 11 A. M., to take into consideration the resignation by Rev. Wm. B. Tidball of his pastoral relation with Alamance church, and if the way is clear to dissolve said relation, or to take such steps as may be necessary thereto.

P. R. LAW, *Moderator.*

Pittsboro, N. C., December 21, 1882.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. P. H. Dalton, the last Moderator present.

There were present, Jas. C. Alexander, A. Currie, P. H. Dalton, J. H. Smith, D.D., W. B. Tidball and George Summey, *Ministers:* and L. M. Stewart, of Alamance church, D. D. Gillespie, of Buffalo church, and John C. Wharton, of Greensboro church, *Ruling Elders.*

The Moderator having announced the business before the meeting according to the call issued, Wm. B, Tidball asked of Presbytery a dissolution of the pastoral relation between himself and the Alamance church, giving his reasons therefor.

Messrs Joseph W. Gilmer and Robt. S. Phipps appeared, and having been recognized as Commissioners from the church, stated that the congregation united in the request.

Thereupon, the Presbytery, on motion, dissolved the pastoral relation of Rev. Wm. B. Tidball with the Alamance church, and directed that he preach at the church at his earliest convenience, and declare the pulpit vacant.

The Minutes were then read and approved.

Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

GEORGE SUMMEY, *Temporary Clerk.*

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

B.---Report of the Executive Committee on Education.

(*Presented to Orange Presbytery during its Spring Session in Greensboro, N. C., April* 18th—21st, 1883.

The Committee on Education respectfully report that we have *six* candidates for the ministry under our care, viz: R. B. Willis, R. E. Caldwell, J. F. McKinnon, J. W. Gilmer, J. P. Paisley, and Wm. Cawthorne (colored).

The first two named, R. B. Willis and R. E. Caldwell, are still prosecuting their studies at our Theological Seminary. They are both in the Middle Class, and at this date have about completed their second year. Their standing for Christian consistency, scholarship and habits of study, and for personal piety and zeal is good. Your Committee, through its chairman, has corresponded with all these candidates, except Mr. Cawthorne. Mr. Willis expects to labour during the ensuing vacation at Chatham, Pittsylvania County, Va. He wrote to me several months ago with reference to this matter, first as to laboring in Kentucky, and then afterwards in Chatham, Va. I told him in substance to correspond with Bro. Alexander, and be guided by his advice. but "if our Presbytery cannot put you to work, I would not hesitate to labour elsewhere." On Feb. 26th he wrote again as to Chatham, and I replied to him very much as before, recommending him to correspond with Bro. Alexander. On March 29th he wrote giving me an account of his studies, Christian life, &c., and added in conclusion that he would spend the coming vacation at Chatham, Va.

A similar correspondence was held with Mr. Caldwell. He was recommended to receive aid from the Assembly's Executive Committee and Dr. Richardson informed the chairman of your committee that $150.00 had been appropiated to him. Mr. Caldwell will spend the vacation (or three months of it) in Greensboro' and vicinity, and will engage in Mission and Sabbath School work, in connection with and under the direction of the Greensboro' Pastor and Session, at the Mission Chapel, south of the Railroad, and partly, it is likely, in the Alamance congregation, now vacant.

I wrote also to Mr. McKinnon. He has been and still is teaching at Long Pine, Anson Co., N. C. His letter breathes throughout a gratifying spirit. Financial deficiency and old debts contracted while in College, and other matters will keep him for some time yet from entering the Seminary. He proposes to continue teaching until free from debt. He is deprived, he says, to a great extent of the pleasure and profit of Presbyterian preaching. He attends the Methodist and Baptist churches generally, acts as Superintendent of a Union Sunday School in his Academy, and though conscious of daily sins and shortcomings, adds that it is "his constant endeavor to lead a Christian life."

We are not able to report anything as to the whereabouts, deportment, studies, &c., of Mr. Cawthorne, our colored candidate. Last Spring, through Mr. Jordan (then chairman of this committee) he asked for advice as to his going to the Tuscaloosa School. The Presbytery referred this matter to Mr. Jordan, with instructions to open the way, as far as possible, for Mr. Cawthorne to go to Tuskaloosa. Perhaps some member of Presbytery in the neighborhood of Warrenton can tell us whether or not he went to Tuskaloosa. Last Spring he was at his home in Warrenton, prosecuting his business, and labouring as Sabbath School teacher among his own people.

Mr. Gilmer is still teaching at Morganton, and Mr. Paisley is one of the tutors in Davidson College. Rumours from time to time, and reaching back for two years or so, had reached the chairman of your committee that both these young brethren had about given up the purpose of preaching the gospel. In my correspondence with them, as candidates, as to their deportment, diligence, and progress, religious as well as literary, I took occasion at the close of my letter to refer to this matter, and to let me know the facts in the case, their feelings and wishes, &c. They both replied promptly and freely and in a Christian spirit on all the matters named. They are endeavoring, I think, both of them, to live answerably to their Christian profession, but they have both concluded to abandon the idea of studying for the ministry, and they both ask to have their names removed from the list of candidates. Your committee recommend that this be done. They both say in effect, however, that if they afterwards feel it to be their duty to preach, they will abandon all and bend every effort to do so; but at present they have been brought to change their former purpose.

Mr. Paisley has already, since these letters, of his own accord and at his own instance sent me a paper containing an account of all monies received from the Commitee of Education from 1876 to 1880, inclusive. On the 5th day of this

month he repaid the monies received during the years 1876, 1878 and 1880, with interest counted up to April 1, 1883, amounting to $305.60. This money has been handed over to Mr. Lindsay, and has been returned to Dr. Richardson to enter the general treasury of the Committee from which it came. He expects to refund the money received in the years 1877 and 1879, which in these two years amounted to $235.00, not adding interest, sometime perhaps in the coming year. All the money received by Mr. Paisley came from the General Fund of the Committee, and not from the funds of Orange Presbytery, with the exception of $25.00 sent him from the "Yeargan Fund," which will no doubt in like manner be refunded, and which added to the balance above makes $269.00. Bro. Paisley has acted throughout like a high-toned Christian gedtleman. Your Committee would further report that of the Education fund belonging to the Presbytery, and known as the "Yeargan Fund"—besides the $25.00 advanced to Mr. Paisley—there is still on hand in the Treasury of this Presbytery Seventy-five Dollars. Your committee ask for instructions as to what disposition to make of it.

Respectfully submitted,
J. HENRY SMITH, *Chairman*,
JESSE H. LINDSAY,
SAMUEL C. SMITH,
Ex. Com. on Education.

C.---Narrative of the State of Religion, for the Year Ending April 1, 1883.

1. The utmost harmony exists among our churches and people, both in doctrine and practice. The simple gospel faith of our fathers is the faith of our people.

2. The attendance on the means of grace is, in general, gratifying, especially on the principal service of the day. The evening service is not so well attended as we could wish, not so much, we trust, from lack of zeal, as from lack of facilities owing to domestic arrangements beyond the control of families.

3. In some of our churches the observance of the Lord's Day and of Family Worship is far below the Bible standard. We fear that loose views in regard to the obligation of the Lord's Day as a day set to the special honour and service of the Most High, have much to do with the sad laxity and indifference in the right observance of this blessed day. The institution of the Sabbath, and the permanence of the marriage relation are the Jachin and Boaz on which all the interests both of Church and State, for time and for eternity, rest.

4. The monthly concert of prayer for Missions is not so generally observed as we could wish, especially in our country churches. Still we are glad to believe and report that the interest of our people in missionary objects and enterprises is growing. This happy result is no doubt largely due to the diffusion of intelligence and the awakening of zeal through the "Missionary," published by our Committee. We think the circulation of this paper one of the most important agencies to imbue our people with the spirit of Missions.

5. Almost all of our churches report encouraging additions, and some have been favored with the special visitations of the Holy Spirit, for which we would render special thanksgiving and praise to the Father of mercies and God of all comfort.

Sabbath Schools are maintained wherever practicable, and it is from these nurseries of the Church that the plants of righteousness are drawn. Most of the communicants reported are of those who have been trained in the Sabbath Schools. Instead of the instruction given in these schools displacing or superseding family teaching and training, we find those who most excel in the Sunday School are those best taught at home, while the children of irreligious and ignorant parents are wholly dependent on the Sunday School for their religious instruction.

6. The liberality of the churches of our Presbytery in contributing to the support of the Gospel, at home and abroad, is perceptibly improving and there is a more aggressive spirit apparent in the churches under our care.

On the whole while we have abundant cause for humiliation and repentance when we look at ourselves and think of what we have been and of what we have done, we have surely great and ample cause for thanksgiving and hope when we look to God and remember who He is and what He has wrought.

Bless the Lord, O our souls, and forget not all His benefits.

By order of the Presbytery,

F. H. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

D.---Presbyterial Report on Systematic Beneficence

The Report of the Presbytery of Orange to the General Assembly for for the Year ending April, 1883.

OBJECTS.	NUMBER OF CONGREGATIONS CONTRIBUTING.	AMOUNTS.
Sustentation	Thirty-five.	$ 835.02
Evangelistic	Forty-two.	591.93
Invalid Fund	Thirty-six.	238.53
Foreign Missions	Thirty-nine.	1117.56
Education	Thirty-nine.	302.79
Publication	Thirty-six.	185.62
Tuskaloosa Institute, (colored)	Twenty-eight.	114.02
Total,		$3386.47

33 Congregations have contributed to all the seven objects of benevolence ordered by the General Assembly; 8 have contributed to six; 3 have contributed to five; 5 have contributed to four; 2 have contributed to three; one has contributed to two; 4 have contributed to one; 3 have contributed to none.

Does the Presbytery call upon the churches that fail to make any of the collections ordered to give their reasons for failure? It does.

By order of the Presbytery.

F. H. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

E.---Presbyterial Report on Sabbath Schools.

Report of the Presbytery of Orange to the General Assembly, for the Year ending April 1, 1883:

NAMES OF SCHOOLS.	NO. ON ROLLS.		AVE'AGE ATT'N'CE.		Scholars admitted to Communion.	CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE SCHOOLS.	
	Teachers	Scholars	Teachers	Scholars		For their own expenses.	For other puproses.
1. Alamance (Three Schools....	6	62	4	40			
2. "	4	40	4	30			
3. "	4	36	4	30			
4. Bethel	12	101	9	75		$ 8	
5. Bethlehem	5	40	4	20		2	
6. Buffalo	9	65	7	54	1	5	
7. Chapel Hill	4	30	4	18		16	$ 5 F. M.
8. Durham	7	69	5	38		35	
9. Fairfield	3	30	3	10			
10. Graham (Three Schools)	14	88	9	34	5	11	13
11. " (Haw River Miss.)	8	140	7	100		64	
12. " (Little Alamance)	6	61	5	35	6	18	
13. Greensboro'	24	195	20	103	16	103	11
14. Grier's	5	50	5	35	16	15	
15. Hawfield's	9	75	8	60		6	
16. Henderson	8	51	7	34		11	
17. Hillsboro	6	24	5	20	1	10	
18. High Point	4	37	4	25	1	16	
19. Jamestown	8	89	6	60	1	6	
20. Lexington	16	73	13	60		20	5 F. M.
21. Little River	3	22	3	15			
22. Madison	5	59	4	30	17	7	3
23. Mebaneville.	5	100	5	60	1	10	
24. Milton	6	45	6	32		11	
25. Mt. Airy	7	30	5	25		5	
26. Nahalah	4	20	3	15	1		
27. Newbern	10	73	8	42		42	83
28. New Hope	9	60	8	45	1	6	
29. Oxford	7	60	5	45	1		19
30. Raleigh 1st church	16	131	13	76	9	65	55
31. Raleigh 2d church	8	26	6	20	2	16	5
32. Reidsville	10	82	8	50	4	49	
33. Rocky Mount	8	36	7	30		51	
34. Tarboro	11	33	8	23		27	6
35. Washington	22	120	18	85		60	10
36. Wentworth	4	22	4	18	2	1	
37. Winston	13	93	9	63		67	41
	310	2369	253	1555	85	$764	$256
38. Ashboro', Un. School, 7 teachers and 38 scholars.....							
39. Gulf, Union School.....							
NO SCHOOL.							
40. Bethesda, with 30 members...							
41. Calah, " 13 " ...							
42. Cross Roads " 150 " ...							
43. Eno, " 44 " ...							
44. Geneva, " 41 " ...							
45. Grass Creek " 29 " ...							
46. Littleton " 15 " ...							
47. Nutbush, " 38 " ...							
48. Oakland, " 16 " ...							
49. Pittsboro, " 30 " ...							
50. Shiloh, " 28 " ...							
51. Stony Creek " 62 " ...							
52. Spring Wood 65 " ...							
561							
53. Red House, small school begun							
54. Croatan has a good school.							

No reports have been received from the following thirteen (13) churches, with the following membership: Haywood, 38; Mt Vernon, 21; Oak Forest, 13; Company Shops, 32; Oak Hill, 19; Leaksville, 17; Yanceyville, 25; Oregon' 18; Elkin, 5; Speedwell, 10; Louisburg, 9; Horeb, 6; Warrenton, 0.—213.

It thus seems that 26 of our churches with a total membership of nearly 800, have no Sabbath Schools. Many of them are very feeble, and the congregations so scattered that it is impracticable to conduct a School. They are under Sessional control, and Elders generally attend their Sessions. The children attend the services of the sanctuary, and the pastors do not generally have a separate service for the young. The Catechism is universally taught, and sometimes the Confession of Faith and Form of Government. Attention is given to memorizing the Scriptures in many Schools; and nearly all use only the International Lesson papers with the Bible. No widespread religious interest has prevailed in our Sabbath Schools. Few of the Schools take up any collections for the Assembly schemes. No negro Sabbath Schools are conducted, as the negroes have their own church organizations, and there is no scope for labor by the whites among them usually. The Earnest Worker and Children's Friend are not extensively taken, but the latter circulates more widely than the former. In the past year we have made no real progress, but are substantially " in statu quo".

L. C. VASS, *Agent.*

F.---PRESBYTERIAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The Presbytery of Orange reports to the General Assembly that it comprises 29 Ministers, and 63 Churches, and has under its care 2 Licentiates, and 7 Candidates, viz :---

MINISTERS, LICENTIATES AND CANDIDATES.	POST OFFICES.		CHURCHES.	Elders.	Deacons.	Added on Examination.	Added on Certificates.	Total Communicants.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	Baptized Non-Communicants.	Teachers in S. S. and Bible Classes.	Scholars in S. S. and Bible Classes.	Sustentation.	Evangelistic.	Invalid Fund.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Publication.	Tuscaloosa Institute, Colored.	Presbyterial.	Pastor's Salaries Actually Paid.	Congregational.	Miscellaneous.
Robert Burwell, S. S.	Raleigh,	N. C.	Oakland, S. S.	2	1	2		15			22				3		1	1	1		2	60		
Geo. W. Ferrill, W. C.	Tally Ho,	"																						
Drury Lacy, D. D., (infirm)	Jonesboro,	"																						
Archibald Currie, S. S.	Hillsboro,	"	Fairfield, S. S	4	3	1		30		3	24	4	30	1	3						2	1		
Thos. U. Faucette, S. S.	Milton,	"	Milton, S. S.	6	4	2	1	91	1	1	33	6	45	4	20	7	7	5	5	1	10	600	58	
" " "		"	Red House, S. S.	3	3	2		40	2	1	13			7	2	7	4	2	4		4	130		
Jos. M. Atkinson, D. D., P.	Raleigh,	"	Second Church P.	3	3	2	2	88	1		22	8	26				13					373	33	5
P. H. Dalton, P.	High Point,	"	High Point, P.	5	4	1	4	40	1	4	40	4	37	4	6	8	5	4	2	1	4	200	17	16
" " S. S.	University Station,	"	New Hope, S. S.	8	4	3		85	2	4	38	9	60	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	6	200	25	6
" " "	Jamestown,	"	Jamestown, S. S.	2	1	1		15			3	8	89	4	3	1	2	1	1	1	2	70	3	4
J. H. Smith, D. D., P.	Greensboro,	"	Greensboro, P	7	10	21	11	323	4	15	170	24	195	488	64	26	144	71	17	14	40	1700	544	50
F. H. Johnston, P.	Winston,	"	Winston, P	4	3	1	5	125		5	63	13	93	20	40	12	112	11	11	8	15	906	164	13
Jas. C. Alexander, P.	Greensboro,	"	Buffalo, P.	6	6	1		125		2		9	65	18	25	3	17	3	8		11	400	38	
" " P.		"	Bethel, P.	6	6			154		5		12	101	5	25	3	8	3	3		11	300	42	10
C. N. Morrow	Hartsville,	Tenn.																						
Chas. Phillips, D. D.	Chapel Hill,	N. C.																						
C. H. Wiley, D. D., Supt. A. B. S.	Winston,	"																						
Wm. B. Tidball, W. C.	Greensboro,	"																						
L. C. Vass, P	Newbern,	"	Newbern, P.	4		1	7	113		4	75	10	73	58	42	44	144	54	36	4	85	1400	882	44
J. W. Primrose, P.	Oxford,	"	Oxford, P.	5	3	2	3	57		1	43	7	60	4			19		4	5		430		12
" " "	Sassafras Fork,	"	Orassy Creek, P.	3	1		1	25		1	8											143		3
" " "		"	Shiloh, P.	4		4		28	1		27											157	4	
" " S. S.	Tally Ho,	"	Geneva, S. S.		2			40		3	10			10	5	1	1	1	1		3	100		
H. T. Darnall, P.	Durham,	"	Durham, P.	2	5		4	65	1			6	68	6	5	5	10	6			10	900	1700	
Cornelius Miller, S. S.	Madison,	"	Madison, S. S.	5	5	21	1	120	9		26	5	59	7	8	1	11	2	5	1	8	110	58	
" " "	Wentworth,	"	Wentworth, S. S.	3	1	24	1	44	11		14	4	22		3				4		4			
" " "	Leaksville,	"	Leaksville, S. S.	3	2			17																
T. J. Allison, P.	Bingham School,	"	Mebaneville, P.	2	1	1	3	63		9	28	5	100	2	25	1	110	2	1	1	12	500	200	1800
" " "	Oaks,	"	Bethlehem, P	5	4	4		68	3	1	24	4	40	3		2		2	2		2	200	160	
Jas. L. Currie, P.	Chapel Hill,	"	Chapel Hill, P.	3	2		2	27				4	30	10	5	2	43	7	4	1	4	502	130	3
" " "	Hillsboro,	"	Enon, P.	4	5			43						3	4	3	9	2	1	1	5	84		3
" " "	Caldwell Institute,	"	Little River, P.	9	6	1	1	140	1	3		3	25		1	3	8	3				14	9	4
S. M. Smith, P.	Washington,	"	Washington, P.	5	5	1	3	185		2	120	23	120	29	65	19	67	20	16	7	20	1000	264	30
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MINUTES

OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING AT COMPANY SHOPS.

COMPANY SHOPS, ALAMANCE COUNTY, N. C.,
Wednesday, May 23rd, 1883.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by Rev. C. MILLER, the last Moderator present.

The following Ministers were present:

C. Miller, A. Currie, T. U. Faucette, W. B. Tidball, J. C. Alexander, F. H. Johnston, T. J. Allison, and Geo Summey.

The following Ruling Elders were present:

T. H. Hughes, *Eno;* Jesse H. Lindsay, *Greensboro;* R. G. Lea, *Cross Roads;* B. F. Mebane, *Mebaneville;* J. L. Wilson, *Stony Creek;* J. C. Cannon, *Buffalo;* Thos. Rankin, *Bethel;* W. D. Woods, *Little River;* T. B. Smith, *Grier's;* T. C. Johnston, *Hawfields;* John Anderson, *Company Shops.*

Geo. Summey was appointed Temporary Clerk.

1 Timothy, 2 ch. 5 v. was assigned as text for the trial sermon of Wm. F. Thom, candidate for ordination, and it was made the order for 4 o'clock this afternoon to hear the sermon.

Rev. John Tillett, of the Meth. E. Church, being present, was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

The Stated Clerk having announced that he had issued the citations ordered to Buffalo and Bethel churches, the Commissioners of said churches were recognized and heard, showing cause in behalf of the congregations appointing them why the Presbytery should not place the calls of Cross Roads and Hawfields churches in the hands of their pastor, Rev. J. C. Alexander.

After hearing all the parties, the Presbytery, after full conference, decided to place said calls in Mr. Alexander's hands.

Pending the above discussion recess was taken for one hour, after which,

Mr. Anthony Williamson, a ruling elder of Bethesda church, but not a delegate to this Presbytery, was, on motion, admitted to the privilege of the floor in respect to the interest of Bethesda church.

The call of Grier's church (see Min. page 38) for the services of J. C. Alexander was, on motion, ordered to be returned.

J. C. Cannon was at his request excused from further attendance on this meeting of the Presbytery.

Calls from the Yanceyville and Grier's churches for the pastoral services of Rev. Jas. L. Currie were presented and found in order.

A. Currie was excused from further attendance on this meeting.

The commissioner from Eno church was heard and a communication from that church was read opposing the placing of the calls from Yanceyville and Grier's churches in the hands of their pastor, Jas. L. Currie.

Little River and Chapel Hill churches, not being heard from, were, on motion, cited to appear by their commissioners at a meeting of the Presbytery to be held at Mebaneville, on the 27th of June, at 2 o'clock, P. M., to show cause why said calls should not be placed in the hands of their pastor, Mr. Currie.

B. F. Mebane, Thomas Rankin, and T. B. Smith were excused from further attendance on this meeting.

A communication was read from Rev. Theo. P. Epes declining his election as Evangelist for the Nahalah field. (See Min. page 44.)

T. H. Hughes was excused from further attendance on this meeting.

Jas. C. Alexander stated to the Presbytery that after having carefully considered the matter, he felt impelled to decline the calls to the Cross Roads and Hawfields congregations.

R. G. Lea was excused from further attendance on this meeting.

The order of the day having arrived Presbytery heard the trial sermon of Wm. F. Thom.

It was ordered, that if the way be open, the ordination of Wm. F. Thom take place this evening at 8 o'clock. T. U. Faucette to preach the sermon, and F. H. Johnston to deliver the charge to the Evangelist.

The reports of the Committees appointed to visit and confer with Leaksville and Bethesda churches were received (Min. page 37) and, on motion, Presbytery determined to leave those churches in their present relations.

A communication was received concerning the Warrenton church property; whereupon, a committee consisting of J. H. Lindsay, J. W. Primrose, and R. P. Dick was appointed to look after all interests connected with the Warrenton church property, its title, &c., and to report, if possible, to the adjourned meeting at Mebaneville.

A communication was received from the Committee appointed to confer with the Greensboro church in reference to the employment of the pastor, Dr. Smith, as Evangelist for a limited time (Min. page 44), and their reccommendation was adopted, to-wit: to add as chairman of the Committee Rev. J. C. Alexander.

The Committee was instructed to confer with Dr. Smith, and report result to the adjourned meeting.

Licentiate Wm. F. Thom was examined on Personal Religion, on

Moral Philosophy, on Theology; and his examination on these subjects sustained as part of trial.

C. Miller was excused from further attendance, and F. H. Johnston, last Moderator present, took the Chair.

Mr. Thom was then examined on Ecclesiastical History and Church Government, which examinations were sustained as satisfactory.

J. C. Alexander was appointed to preside at the ordination service to-night.

Presbytery took recess until 7:30 o'clock.

AFTER RECESS,

The Agent of Home Missions made the following report on Supplies which was adopted, to-wit:

F. H. Johnston, C. Miller, and W. B. Tidball each one week day and one Sabbath at Mt. Airy.

D. I. Craig, Oregon, at his discretion.

J. W. Primrose,	Nutbush,	one Sabbath and one week day.
T. J. Allison,	Henderson,	" "
Drs. Wiley and Atkinson,	Louisburg,	" "
T. U. Faucette,	Oak Hill,	" "
A. Currie.	"	" "
J. L. Williamson,	"	" "
Geo. Summey,	Stony Creek,	" "
A. Currie,	"	" "
J. L. Currie,	Grier's	" "
W. B. Tidball,	"	" "
C. H. Wiley, D.D.,	Yanceyville,	" "
P. H. Dalton,	"	" "

F. H. Johnston and A. L. Crawford each one week assisting Wm. F. Thom in the Ashboro' field.

H. T. Darnall and J. S. Watkins, same, assisting P. R. Law in the Chatham field.

J. S. Watkins and R. A. Wailes, same, assisting Evangelist in the Nahalah field.

S. M. Smith and L. C. Vass, each one week in Elizabeth City. Also, one Sabbath and one week day at discretion.

H. T. Darnall, one week, assisting S. H. Isler in work assigned him in our bounds.

Should any of the churches in the above list secure a regular supply, the ministers appointed to visit such churches will supply other destitute points.

W. B. Tidball and T. J. Allison were appointed to administer the sacraments at Cross Roads and Hawfields, respectively.

It was resolved that P. H. Dalton be allowed the sum of ten dollars per month from the Evangelistic Fund, together with what he may receive from the church itself, to preach once a month at Mt. Airy church until the next meeting of Presbytery.

Mr. Thom was examined on the sacraments and the examination sustained.

The trial sermon preached in the afternoon was then criticized and sustained as part of trial; and the examinations of the candidate were then sustained as a whole.

Presbytery then resolved to proceed to the ordination of Mr. Thom, and he was solemnly set apart by prayer and the laying on of the hands

of Presbytery, according to the Apostolic example, to the full work of the ministry as an evangelist. Mr. Alexander presiding, Mr. Faucette preaching the sermon, and Mr. Johnston delivering a charge to the newly ordained evangelist.

On, motion, the name of Wm. F. Thom was added to the roll of the Presbytery.

A communication from the Faculty of Union Theological Seminary, concerning the literary standing of candidates Willis and Caldwell, students of that Institution, was received and read.

A communication from T. C. Worth, of Worthville, in Randolph County, was read; whereupon, the Presbytery appropriated the sum of Two Hundred Dollars toward the erection of a church at Worthville upon condition that the building be completed so far that it can be used, and that it be free from debt.

The following resolution of thanks was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Presbytery are due, and are hereby offered to the people of Company Shops for their generous and hospitable entertainment of the Ministers, Ruling Elders, Commissioners and Visitors in attendance upon this meeting.

The Agent of Home Missions was directed to supply the Nahalah evangelistic field with the services of some suitable minister as soon as practicable.

The Agent of Home Missions and J. H. Lindsay were appointed a Committee to settle with Wm. F. Thom for services hitherto rendered as Missionary Supply.

William Jared Tidball, a member of the Alamance church, was introduced to the Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry desiring to be taken under the care of the Presbytery.

The examination of Mr. Tidball was made the first order of the day for to-morrow morning.

The Presbytery then adjourned till to-morrow morning at 8:30 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

THURSDAY MORNING, May 24.

The Presbytery met and was opened with prayer by F. H. Johnston, Moderator, *pro tem.*

Mr. Wm. J. Tidball was, after careful examination of his religious views and experience, and of his motives for desiring to enter the holy ministry, and said examination having been fully sustained as satisfactory, received under the care of this Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry.

The Committee to settle with Mr. Thom, reported that the sum of One Hundred Dollars was due him up to May 1st, and it was ordered that that amount be paid to Mr. Thom.

The Minutes were then read and approved, and the Presbytery adjourned to meet in Mebaneville on Wednesday after fourth Sabbath of June next at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Closed with prayer by Wm. B. Tidball.

GEO. SUMMEY, *Clerk.*

F. H. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

MINUTES

OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING AT MEBANEVILLE.

MEBANEVILLE, N. C., June 27, 1883.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment, being called to order by the Rev. A. CURRIE, the last Moderator present.

After prayer, the following members were enrolled, viz:

Ministers: C. Phillips, D.D., A. Currie, J. C. Alexander, J. L. Currie, and T. J. Allison.

Ruling Elders: T. Hughes, of *Eno;* W. D. Woods, *Little River;* B. F. Mebane, *Mebaneville;* A. Dickson, *New Hope;* G. L. Walker, *Grier's;* T. C. Johnston, *Hawfields;* E. C. Murray, *Cross Roads;* and J. N. Clarke, *Fairfield.*

Rev. T. J. Allison was appointed Temporary Clerk.

The Stated Clerk reported that the churches of Chapel Hill and Little River had been duly cited to appear at this meeting according to the direction of Presbytery.

A call from Stony Creek church for the pastoral services of Rev. J. L. Currie was read.

Little River appeared through commissioner N. Hall, and reported a unanimous opposition on the part of the church to the removal of Rev. J. L. Currie from the pastoral office in that church.

Chapel Hill church reported by letter, submitting the removal of of their pastor, Rev. J. L. Currie, to the judgment of Presbytery.

On motion, the calls from Yanceyville, Grier's and Stony Creek were docketed.

Rev. Jas. L. Williamson appeared in Presbytery and was enrolled.

The action of Presbytery at Greensboro' uniting Yanceyville, Grier's, and Stony Creek into one pastorate was, on motion, reconsidered; and

the motion amended by striking Yanceyville from the group and inserting Eno and Little River instead—which motion thus amended was adopted.

The calls from Grier's and Stony Creek were, on motion, taken from the docket, and being found in order, were placed in the hands of J. L. Currie.

Calls from Hawfields and Cross Roads churches for the pastoral services of Rev. B. W. Mebane were read, and, being found in order, the churches were given permission to prosecute them before the Presbytery of Abingdon.

F. H. Johnston, D.D., J. C. Alexander, and W. B. Tidball were appointed a Committee to visit Worthville, in Randolph County, and organize a church if the way be open.

The Committee on Evangelistic Work in the East, submitted a report through J. C. Alexander, chairman, which was received and adopted.

It is as follows:

The Committee appointed to suggest a plan for the Evangelistic Exploration of the Eastern portion of our territory, beg leave to submit the following:

SUGGESTIONS FOR A SIX MONTH'S TOUR.

1. Go to Elizabeth City and make it headquarters, till excursions are made into Currituck, Camden, Perquimans, Chowan, and Gates. At E. City the Evangelist can learn all about Currituck, Camden and Perquimans. He should endeavor to put in a Sabbath at Hertford, Perquimans Co., one in Camden, and one at Gatesville. All Camden and Perquimans and the town of Edenton are within a day's ride. It is a very short day's ride from Edenton to Gatesville.

2. The next move should be to Plymouth. From this point explore Hyde County, and put in a Sabbath in Bertie, one or more in Martin, one at Williamston, and visit Jonesville, Hamilton, &c.

3. The next headquarters should be at Greenville. From this place Greene and Pitt Counties should be explored.

4. Take the Weldon R. R., visit Murfreesboro', and return through Northampton. Stop a day at Garysburg, put in a Sabbath at Jackson, and spend some time in Weldon, come across Nash county, via Hilliardston to Louisburg, thence go to Warrenton, and thence, via Franklinton home.

PLAN FOR EVANGELISTIC EXPLORATION.

1. That the Evangelist be allowed to carry with him a supply of suitable tracts and books, setting forth the Gospel as held by our Church.

2. That the Evangelist be authorized to call to his aid in protracted meetings other ministerial brethren when the occasion imperatively demands, and the Presbytery will pay the necessary expenses of such aid.

3. That the Evangelist be directed to receive in aid of his work all voluntary contributions tendered him, and that whenever in his judgment it is deemed advisable, a suitable opportunity be given to those to whom he ministers, to aid in defraying the expenses of his mission.

4. It shall be the duty of the Evangelist in the absence of the Presbytery, on all matters pertaining to the conduct of his work, concerning which he may be at any loss, to confer with the Agent of Home Missions.

5. It will be expected of the Evangelist from time to time as opportunity may open, to make full reports of his work to the Presbytery.

6. That the Ruling Elders of Greensboro' church be requested to cooperate with the Committee suggesting this plan, in their efforts to supply their pulpit during the absence of their pastor in Evangelistic work.

7. That this scheme is to be put into operation only when the Treasurer of Presbytery reports at least One Thousand Dollars in hand by special contributions for its prosecution.

The Agent of Home Missions was authorized to call on Ministers to supply the Greensboro' church if necessary.

The Stated Clerk was, on motion, directed to return the call from Yanceyville church, and state as the reason why it was not put into the hands of Rev. J. L. Currie, that under the circumstances Presbytery thought it best for all parties concerned to unite Grier's and Stony Creek with Eno and Little River, and urge the grouping of Yanceyville with Milton and Red House.

The Agent of Home Missions was directed to correspond with Yanceyville, Milton and Red House churches, and urge them to become united in one field.

On motion, Mr. Jesse H. Lindsay was added to the Committee on Evangelistic Work in the East.

J. L. Currie announced his acceptance of the calls from Grier's and Stony Creek, whereupon the pastoral relation existing between him and Chapel Hill church, was on motion dissolved to take effect on the *first* day of September next.

Jas. L. Williamson tendered his resignation as pastor of the Hillsboro' church, and the church was cited to appear at an adjourned meeting to be held in Greensboro' on Wednesday after the *first* Sabbath in August at 8 P. M., and show cause why the relation should not be dissolved.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Greensboro', on the 8th of August at 8 o'clock, P. M.

Closed with prayer.

T. J. Allison, *Clerk.*

Attest: F. H. Johnston, *Stated Clerk.*

MINUTES

OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING AT GREENSBORO.

Greensboro, N. C., August 8th, 1883.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment in the lecture-room of the Presbyterian church at 8 o'clock, P. M., and was opened with prayer by the Rev. S. M. Smith, last Moderator present.

The following members were found to be present:

Ministers: P. H. Dalton, J. H. Smith, D. D., F. H. Johnston, D.D., Jas. C. Alexander, S. M. Smith, Jas. L. Williamson, and Wm. F. Thom.

Ruling Elders: Lyndom Swaim, *Greensboro';* D. D. Gillespie, *Buffalo;* Jos. A. Houston, *Mt. Vernon;* and J. W. McMurray, *Alamance.*

The Stated Clerk announced that he had cited the Hillsboro' church as directed, to answer in the matter of the request of their pastor, Rev. J. L. Williamson, that the pastoral relation between them might be dissolved, after which a letter from the church was presented and read, setting forth the grounds on which they consented to a dissolution of the pastoral relation; whereupon, the Presbytery dissolved the relation, to take effect on the 1st of September next, and J. L. Williamson was directed to declare the church vacant after that date.

The action of the Presbytery at Mebaneville, on the 27th of June last, whereby the churches of Eno, Little River, Grier's, and Stony Creek were united in one pastorate was, on motion, reconsidered, and the former grouping, established by order of Presbytery in their stated meeting last April (Min. page 37) was restored, viz: the group consisting of Yanceyville, Grier's and Stony Creek: and the Stated Clerk was directed to write immediately to all the parties concerned in this action, and acquaint them with its reasons.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 8:30 o'clock to examine certain new candidates for the ministry.

Dr. Smith, chairman of the Presbyterial Committee on Education, having asked for instructions in the case of candidates who signify a a desire or intention to pursue their studies in Theological Seminaries not under the care of our Assembly, the following Committee was appointed to bring in a minute expressive of the views of this meeting in the premises, viz: F. H. Johnston, D.D., P. H. Dalton, Jas. C. Alexander, Lyndom Swaim, and D. D. Gillespie, to report to-morrow morning.

An application for the services of C. H. Wiley, D.D., as Stated Supply for half his time at a salary of Four Hundred Dollars, by the Alamance church, was, on motion, referred to the Agent of Home Missions.

The Presbytery then adjourned till to-morrow morning at 8:30 o'clock, and was closed with prayer.

THURSDAY MORNING, August 9th.

The Presbytery met and was opened with prayer.

The Stated Clerk presented the following report from the Committee appointed to organize a church at Lagrange in Lenoir county, if the way be open, which was received, and the name of the church ordered to be enrolled—to-wit:

According to your orders, the Committee appointed to organize a church at Lagrange, Lenoir Co., N. C., (viz: Rev. Messrs. L. C. Vass and J. C. Alexander, and Ruling Elder Geo. Allen) met, and organized the Lagrange Presbyterian

church on Sabbath, June 3, 1883. We received on certificate six members, viz: Messrs. Matt. H. Wooten and Needham Herring, and Mrs. Emmeline M. Wooten and Mrs. Lou Lassiter, from White Hall church, N. C.; James Dixon Murphy, from Chapel Hill, N. C.; and H. M. McDonald, from the M. E. Church, South, Lagrange. (Mr. McD. was a Presbyterian, but had connected himself with the Methodist Church in order to be in some Christian organization.) Three were received on profession of faith, viz: Geo. A. Pitts, Mrs. H. M. McDonald and Miss M. A. Kirkpatrick.

The following three members were elected Ruling Elders, viz: Matt. H. Wooten (already an Elder in the White Hall church), James D. Murphy, and H. M. McDonald. On Sabbath night the last two were ordained, and all three were duly installed as Ruling Elders in the Lagrange church.

It was not expedient to elect and ordain any deacons at this time.

Sermons appropriate to the occasion were preached, setting forth the history, system and doctrine of the Presbyterian Church, and the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. A statement was made of the warrant and duties of Ruling Elders, and charges were delivered to Elders and congregation.

Rev. S. H. Isler, of Wilmington Presbytery, was present, and is supplying the church.

All which is respectfully submitted.

L. C. VASS, *Chairman.*

The Stated Clerk presented a communication by the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, of a number of Overtures of that body to the Presbytery, which was read and received, and the various overtures were referred to the following Committees, to report what action Presbytery should take in regard to them at the next stated meeting, viz:

Overtures marked 2 and 3 in the printed communication were assigned to Messrs. Vass and Smith with Geo. Allen, as the committee.

Overtures 4 and 6 to Messrs. Darnall and Primrose with E. Morehead, Committee.

Overtures 1 and 5 to Messrs. Alexander and Summey with Jesse H. Lindsay. Committee.

Presbytery then took up the order of the day, when Mr. Turner Ashby Wharton and Mr. Egbert Watson Smith, members of the Greensboro' church were introduced to the Presbytery by Dr. Smith as candidates for the Gospel ministry, and were examined on their religious experience and their motives for seeking the ministry, which examinations were sustained as satisfactory.

On motion, these young men were received under the care of the Presbytery as candidates for the Gospel ministry.

The Committee appointed yesterday on the views of Presbytery in relation to our candidates and the Seminaries they should attend, made the following report, which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote, viz:

Your Committee on the instructions asked for by the chairman of the Executive Committee of Education touching candidates going to other than our own Seminaries, beg leave to report—

1st. That in their opinion all our candidates without exception should prosecute their theological studies at the Seminaries under the care of our Southern Assembly.

2d. That under no circumstances can a beneficiary be allowed to study elsewhere, and remain upon the funds of the Church.

3rd. That Union Theological Seminary in Virginia has special claims upon the Presbyterian Church of North Carolina as their own institution, equipped and supported for the express purpose of educating our young men for the ministry among our own people.

F. H. JOHNSTON, *Chairman.*

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Tarboro', on Thursday, November 8th, at 7:30 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

F. H. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

MINUTES

OF THE PRO RE NATA MEETING IN GRAHAM.

GRAHAM, N. C., October 3, 1883.

The Presbytery met in the Presbyterian church in pursuance of the following notice, to-wit:

REIDSVILLE, N. C., September 13, 1883.

In accordance with Form of Government, chap. 10, sec. 10, I hereby call a *pro re nata* meeting of Orange Presbytery, to assemble in the Presbyterian church at Graham, on Wednesday before the *first* Sabbath in October, at 8 o'clock, P. M., to consider a call from the Yanceyville church for the services of Rev. J. L. Currie.

D. I. CRAIG, *Moderator.*

Rev. D. I CRAIG, Moderator, opened the meeting with prayer.

The following presbyters were present:

Ministers: D. I. Craig, Geo. Summey, and Jas. L. Currie.

Ruling Elders: R. B. Watt, from Yanceyville church; W. C. Donnell, from Graham; P. G. Lea, from Cross Roads; T. H. Hughes, from Eno; W. D. Woods, from Little River; J. L. Wilson, from Stony Creek; and J. N. Clarke, from Fairfield.

R. G. Lea was appointed Temporary Clerk.

The call from Yanceyville church for Rev. J. L. Currie as pastor for that church for one-half of his time was read and found in order.

It appearing that the churches of Little River and Eno were not ready to show cause why this call should not be placed in their pastor's hands, they were cited to appear for that purpose at the regular meeting at Tarboro', November 8th, 1883.

Closed with singing, prayer and benediction.

R. G. LEA, *Clerk.*

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

MINUTES

OF THE PRO RE NATA MEETING IN RALEIGH.

RALEIGH, N. C., October 25, 1883.

The Presbytery of Orange met in the First Presbyterian church in pursuance of the following call of the Moderator, viz:

REIDSVILLE, N. C., October 13, 1883.

In accordance with Form of Government, chap. 5, sec. 4, par. 8, I hereby call a *pro re nata* meeting of Orange Presbytery, to assemble in the First Presbyterian church at Raleigh, on Thursday, the 25th day of October, at 8 o'clock, P. M., "to certify a call from Henderson and Nutbush churches to Rev. L. B. Johnston, of West Hanover Presbytery, for his pastoral services."

(Signed) D. I. CRAIG, *Moderator.*

There were present: Rev. Messrs. R. Burwell, D.D., J. M. Atkinson, D.D., P. R. Law, and Jno. S. Watkins, with Wm. S. Primrose, Ruling Elder from the Raleigh 1st church.

Constituted with prayer by P. R. LAW, last Moderator present, and Wm. S Primrose was appointed Temporary Clerk.

The clerk read a call from Nutbush church, showing that Dr. W. R. Wilson, Mr. Walter Bullock, and Mr. J. M. B. Hunt had been duly qualified on the part of said church to prosecute a call for the pastoral services of the Rev. Lewis B. Johnston, of West Hanover Presbytery, for two Sabbaths of each month: also a call from Henderson church showing that Messrs. Jno. L. Clack, H. C. McAddin and Wm. H. Walker, had been duly constituted on behalf of the said congregation to prosecute a call for the pastoral services of the Rev. Lewis B. Johnston. The amount stipulated to be paid by Nutbush church being $300, and by Henderson, $600.

These calls were laid before the Presbytery, were found in order, and permission was granted the said commissioners respectively to prosecute the calls before mentioned before the Presbytery of West Hanover.

The records of the meeting were read and approved.

On motion, the Presbytery adjonrned, being closed by prayer by Rev. Dr. J. M. Atkinson.

(Signed) WM. S. PRIMROSE, *Clerk.*

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

MINUTES

OF THE

TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION

OF THE

ORANGE PRESBYTERY,

HELD AT

TARBORO, N. C.,

NOVEMBER 8th---12th, 1883.

MINUTES.

TARBORO', N. C., THURSDAY, November 8, 1883.
7:30 o'clock, P. M.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment and was opened with a sermon, in the absence of the Moderator, by F. H. Johnston, D.D., on John 17c. 2v. "As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him."

After sermon, the Presbytery was constituted with prayer by S. M. SMITH, last Moderator present.

The roll was then called with the following result:

MINISTERS PRESENT: P. H. Dalton, J. H. Smith, D.D., F. H. Johnston, D.D., J. C. Alexander, L. C. Vass, H. T. Darnall, T. J. Allison, Jas. L. Currie, S. M. Smith, J. S. Watkins, Geo. Summey, S. L. Wilson, Wm. F. Thom, D. I. Craig (3).—14.

CHURCHES PRESENT BY REPRESENTATIVES: *Greensboro'*, R. M. Sloan, Sr.; *Winston*, Stephen Neal; *Buffalo*, David Wharton; *Bethel*, R. C. Rankin; *Eno*, W. H. Anderson; *Little River*, D. S. Allison; *Tarboro'*, Orrin Williams; *Stony Creek*, W. J. Ector; *Grier's*, G. L. Walker; *Graham*, Armstrong Tate (2); *Nahalah*, M. T. Savage (2); *Rocky Mount*, O. R. Sadler (2).—12.

MINISTERS ABSENT: R. Burwell, D.D., G. W. Ferrill, D. Lacy, D.D., A. Currie, T. U. Faucette, J. M. Atkinson, D.D., C. N. Morrow, C. Phillips, D.D., C. H. Wiley, D.D.; W. B. Tidball, J. W. Primrose, C. Miller, P. R. Law, Jas. L. Williamson.—14.

CHURCHES NOT REPRESENTED: 52, viz: Oakland, Fairfield, Milton, Red House, Raleigh 2d, High Point, New Hope, Jamestown, Mt. Airy, Newbern, Oxford, Grassy Creek, Shiloh, Geneva, Durham, Madison, Wentworth, Leaksville, Mebaneville, Bethlehem, Washington, Pittsboro', Haywood, Gulf, Raleigh 1st, Reidsville, Oak Forest, Bethesda, Company Shops, Littleton, Ashboro', Calah, Mt. Vernon, Lexington, Henderson, Nutbush, Hillsboro', Hawfields, Cross Roads, Chapel Hill, Yanceyville, Alamance, Spring Wood, Oak Hill, Croatan, Lagrange, Oregon, Elkin, Speedwell, Horeb, Louisburg, Warrenton.

THOS. J. ALLISON was chosen Moderator, and GEO. SUMMEY and JOHN S. WATKINS, Temporary Clerks.

Presbytery adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

Friday, November 9th, 9:30, A. M.

The Presbytery was called to order, and opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The Minutes of last night's session were read and approved.

The reading of the Minutes of the last stated meeting was dispensed with, but the Minutes of the adjourned meetings and *pro re nata* meetings held at Company Shops, Mebaneville, Greensboro', Graham, and Raleigh were read.

The standing order for to-day at 10 o'clock (viz: Devotional Exercises) was postponed until 11:30 o'clock.

Letters giving reasons for absence from this meeting were read from Geo. Allen, of Newbern church, C. H. Wiley, D.D., J. M. Atkinson, D.D., T. M. Kirkland, of Chapel Hill church, and B. F. White, of Cross Roads church.

The following Committees were appointed, viz:

Minutes of General Assembly: H. T. Darnall, J. L. Currie, and R. M. Sloan, Sr.

Devotional Exercises: S. L. Wilson, J. N. H. Summerell, and Orrin Williams.

Installations: S. M. Smith, P. H. Dalton, and S. Neal.

Calls and Supplies: J. C. Alexander, J. H. Smith, D.D., Wm. F. Thom, David Wharton, and G. L. Walker.

Jas. N. H. Summerell, of Concord Presbytery, and S. H. Isler, of Wilmington Presbytery, being present were invited to sit as corresponding members, and introduced by the Moderator.

A communication was read from Jas. L. Williamson, giving his reasons for absence from this meeting, and asking a letter of dismission to Concord Presbytery. The request was granted.

Jas. N. H. Summerell presented a letter of dismission from Concord Presbytery with the view of joining this Presbytery; whereupon, on motion, after the usual examination, he was received as a member of this Presbytery, and his name enrolled.

The call of the Yanceyville church for the pastoral services of Jas. L. Currie was taken from the table, and its consideration made the order of the day for 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Calls for the pastoral services of P. H. Dalton, from New Hope church, and of J. N. H. Summerell from Tarboro' and Rocky Mount churches were read, and referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies.

The following churches reported concerning arrears of salary, viz: *Paid in full*, Bethel, Bethlehem, High Point, Rocky Mount, Stony Creek, Cross Roads: *Paid in part*, Eno. No report from Bethesda, Calah, Grassy Creek, Red House, and Raleigh 2d.

The Stated Clerk was directed to continue correspondence with the delinquent churches, remind them of their failure to report at this meeting and direct them to report to the next meeting.

The Stated Clerk was directed to communicate with the churches in arrears on the Evangelistic Fund, and urge them to meet the delinquency.

G. R. Sadler, ruling elder from Rocky Mount church, appeared and after rendering excuse for tardiness, was enrolled.

It was made the order of the day for 10 o'clock to-morrow morning to hear the reports of the Agent of Home Missions, Evangelists and Ministers working under the Sustentation scheme.

The names of J. P. Paisley, J. A. Gilmer, and J. F. McKinnon were, at their own request, stricken from the Presbytery's roll of candidates, and the chairman of the Committee of Education was directed to communicate the fact to them.

R. M. Sloan, Sr., was appointed Treasurer *pro tem.*

A Committee, consisting of S. M. Smith and Orrin Williams was appointed to bring in a Minute touching the death, since the last meeting, of R. A. Wailes, the pastor of Tarboro' church.

M. T. Savage was enrolled as representative of the Nahalah church.

Rev. F. Swindell, a minister of the Meth. E. Church, South, was invited to sit with the Presbytery as a visiting brother, and was duly introduced.

The order of the day having arrived, the Presbytery spent half an hour in devotional exercises.

The report of the Trustees of Davidson College was read and received, and it was made the order of the day for Monday evening after divine worship to consider the report, and to take into consideration the interests of this institution.

The report of the Trustees of the Presbytery was read and received, and the Trustees were directed to inquire into the feasibility of securing the appointment of a Presbyterian to the vacancy in the Board of Trustees of the "Jersey" church, and the whole matter of the Warrenton church property, its repairs, &c., was referred to a committee consisting of L. C. Vass, J. C. Alexander, and R. M. Sloan to report to this meeting.

The Committee on Calls and Supplies reported, recommending that that the call of New Hope church having been found in order, be placed in the hands of P. H. Dalton. The report was received and the recommendation adopted.

A recommendation to the same effect touching the call of Tarboro' church for the services of J. N. H. Summerell was adopted.

A further report concerning the call of the Rocky Mount church, recommending that the call be placed in Mr. Summerell's hands notwithstanding certain irregularities in the form, was received, and the recommendation adopted.

The Stated Clerk was directed to prepare blanks for the use of churches in the call of pastors.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made a report which was received.

Recess was taken until 3 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Armstrong Tate, ruling elder from Graham church appeared, rendered satisfactory reason for tardiness, and was enrolled.

The order of the day was taken up.

Little River and Eno churches appeared by Commissioners in response to the citation of Presbytery, and presented their reasons for Presbytery's not placing the call of the Yanceyville church in the hands of J. L. Currie.

After hearing all the parties the Presbytery declined to put the call into Mr. Currie's hands, and the action of Presbytery at its late adjourned meeting in Greensboro, grouping Yanceyville, Stony Creek, and Grier's churches was reconsidered, and Stony Creek and Grier's churches were placed in a group with the Little River and Eno churches.

A. L. Crawford, a member of the Presbytery of Concord was invited to sit with the Presbytery as a corresponding member, and was introduced to the Presbytery. Mr. Crawford presented a letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Concord with a view to his uniting with this Presbytery, and, on motion, after the usual examination, he was received, and his name enrolled.

The Agent of Publication and Colportage made his report, which was received, when, on motion, the Presbytery receded from business until after divine service to-night.

EVENING SESSION.

The unfinished business was taken up, viz: the consideration of the report of the Agent of Publication and Colportage. The recommendations of the Agent were adopted, and are as follows:

1. That the Presbytery direct every pastor and Stated Supply to present the claims of this cause to the congregations to which they minister, and give to the people an intelligent view of these claims, and in every church afford an opportunity to contribute to the cause.
2. That the attention of delinquent sessions be specially called to resolutions in page 39 of Minutes at Greensboro, and that at the next Stated Meeting of Presbytery the roll will be called to ascertain whether the churches have complied with the above requirement.

In this connexion the following resolution was adopted touching Colportage Work, viz:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Orange Presbytery be directed to retain in his hands, subject to the order of Rev. H. T. Darnall, Agent of Publication and Colportage, eighty dollars of any money contributed to the cause of publication, and coming into his hands; and further, that the Agent of Publication and Colportage be authorized to receive whatever moneys and books may be in the hands of the Committee of Colportage, and to employ and put at work a colporteur according to the plan proposed in his report, and at as early a day as is practicable.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow evening after service to hear the report of the Agent of Foreign Missions.

The following resolutions were adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Presbytery would declare for the information of the Mt. Airy church, that the Mt. Airy field has enlisted an unusual interest in the Presbytery in arranging Supplies for the weaker churches, and in view of changes which they have felt it necessary to make, the church at Mt. Airy becomes vacant again—but only temporarily, we hope.

To supply this vacancy the Mt. Airy field is specially commended to our Agent of Home Missions, and the Presbytery promises and pledges a monthly Supply for this church from this date to the next meeting of the Presbytery, and at the same time they assure this church of their deep interest in, and their prayers for their growth and prosperity.

Resolved, That the Presbytery deeply sympathizes with the Yanceyville church in its embarrassment about obtaining pastoral services, and having carefully considered the interests of their whole field, have felt that the spiritual welfare of all their vacant churches will be highly promoted by associating Yanceyville with High Point, Jamestown and New Hope; and they hereby do so associate it for the present, and instruct Rev. Jas. Alexander, Agent, to communicate this action to said church, and endeavor to consummate this arrangement.

A letter from C. Miller giving reasons for absence from this meeting was read, and the reason sustained. The reasons for absence of A. Currie were sustained.

O. R. Sadler was excused from further attendance upon this meeting.

The Agent of Home Missions was directed to make arrangements for the further monthly supply of Mt. Airy church upon the same terms as during the past few months.

The Presbytery adjourned until 9:30 o'clock to-morrow morning, and was closed with prayer by Geo. Summey.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

SATURDAY, November 10, 9:30, A. M.

The Presbytery was called to order, and opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

A call from the Lexington church for the pastoral services, three-fourths of his time, at $600 salary and the use of the manse, of A. L. Crawford, was read and referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies.

The report of the Committee on the death of Mr. Wailes was made the order of the day for Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The order of the day for 10 o'clock was taken up, viz: hearing the reports of the Agent of Home Missions, *et al.*

The reports of the Agent, and of the Evangelists were received, and also the reports of Messrs. Watkins, Darnall, and Johnston, appointed to assist the Evangelist.

Pending the consideration of these reports, the Presbytery took recess until after public worship.

AFTER RECESS,

The consideration of the report of the Agent of Home Missions was resumed, pending which,

Jas. N. H. Summerell signified his acceptance of the calls of the Tarboro' and Rocky Mount churches, when the Committee on Installations made the following report which was received and adopted, viz:

The Committee on Installations respectfully report, recommending that Rev. Jas. L. Currie be installed at Stony Creek on the *first* Sabbath in December. Rev. A. Currie to preside and propose the constitutional questions, and charge the pastor; Rev. Geo. Summey to preach, and charge the people. Each to be alternate to the other.

Rev. J. L. Currie be installed at Grier's at time to be selected by the Committee after consultation with the congregation. Rev. T. J. Allison to preside and propose the constitutional questions, and charge the people; Rev. T, U. Faucette to preach and charge the pastor.

Rev. J. N. H. Summerell be installed pastor of Tarboro church on Sabbath night (next). Dr. Smith to preach, the Moderator to preside, and propose the constitutional questions; Rev. A. L Crawford to charge the pastor; Rev. H. T. Darnall to charge the people.

Rev. J. N. Summerell be installed at Rocky Mount on Tuesday (next), at 11:30, A. M. The Moderator to preside, and propose the constitutional questions; Rev. Dr. Johnston to preach a sermon; Rev. P. H. Dalton to charge the pastor; Rev. H. T. Darnall to charge the people.

S. M. SMITH, *Chairman.*

The following recommendations in the report of the Agent of Home Missions were then adopted, viz:

1. That special effort be continued to place a minister permanently at Elizabeth City, as a base for future operations in that whole region of country.

2. That the Presbytery direct its Ministers to bring the subject of Home Missions in its several branches of Sustentation, Invalid Fund, Church Erection, and Evangelistic work before their respective churches, informing them as to the nature, extent, importance, and wants of these enterprises, in order that the people may contribute intelligently and liberally; and that the Ministers see that the congregations have an opportunity to contribute to their various objects, and that the roll be called at the next meeting of the Presbytery, to ascertain whether this duty has been attended to.

The Special Committee on Evangelistic Work (to employ Dr. Smith, &c.) presented a report, which was docketed for consideration.

D. I. Craig appeared, and rendered a satisfactory reason for tardiness and was enrolled.

F. H. Johnston, D.D., S. L. Wilson, and M. T. Savage were granted leave of absence from to-day's session after 4 o'clock.

Recess was taken until 3 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Ministers appointed as Supplies reported as follows:

Duty performed: Johnston at Kernersville in lieu of Mt. Airy; Allison at Henderson and Hawfields; Summey at Hawfields in lieu of Stony Creek; J. L. Currie at Grier's; Dalton at Yanceyville; L. C. Vass at discretion, visited Lagrange and Snow Hill.

Duty not performed for satisfactory reasons: Craig at Oregon; Vass at Elizabeth City; Smith (S. M.) at Elizabeth City; Darnall in Neuse River field.

The committee on the Copied Records reported progress, and was continued.

The Committee to organize a church at Worthville reported the duty not yet performed, the way not being open, and was continued.

The Committee on the 2d and 3rd Overtures of the General Asaembly presented a report which was received, amended and adopted, and is as follows :

OVERTURE II.

Your Committee appointed to recommend to Presbytery what action should be taken as to the Overture touching marriage with a deceased wife's sister, pro pose the following action :

Orange Presbytery by a vote of 18 to 13, in April, 1883, expressed its opinion that the clause in chap. 24. sec. 4, of the Confession of Faith should be removed.

We hereby renew our assent to this overture, *provided*, two-thirds of the Presbyteries concur therein.

OVERTURE 111.

Your Committee appointed to recommend what action Presbytery should take touching the overture sent down by the General Assembly about the mode of amending the Confession of Faith, and Catechisms, (Page 51, Min. Gen. Assembly, 1883) respectfully report, recommending the following answer :

1. Orange Presbytery is of the opinion that the Adopting Act of 1788 is still in force as a part of our Constitution, and advises that it should be printed in our formularies.

2. We, however, hereby express our willingness to adopt the overture submitted to us, as a substitute for the Adopting Act of 1788, *provided*, it be accepted according to the provisions of that Act, by at least two-thirds of our Presbyteries, and enacted by one Assembly, and be made also a pare of our Constitution, unalterable save in the way provided in the Act itself, not alterable, as is the Book of Church Order, by a majority vote.

L. C. VASS.
S. M. SMITH, } *Com.*
GEO. ALLEN.

The Committee on the 4th and 6th Overtures of the General Assembly presented a report which was received, amended and adopted, and is as follows :

OVERTURE IV.

Your Committee to whom was referred the action of the Assembly touching (a) an amendment to the Book of Church Order relative to correspondence with other churches, and (b) as to the question of appointing delegates to the next General Assembly of the Northern Church, would report as follows :

1st. The action of the Assembly (p. 40, Min. 1883) recommends the following amendment to be sent down to the presbyteries for adoption, viz: In the Book of Church Order, Chap. 5, Sec. 6, par. 5, instead of the words "to correspond with other churches," insert the following, viz : "to correspond, co-operate, or go into organic union with other churches after two-thirds of the Presbyteries have agreed thereto." This action is interpreted to "prohibit the Assembly from finally concluding the terms or basis of correspondence, co-operation, or or organic union with other churches unless a previous Assembly shall have agreed to the same, and two-thirds of the Presbyteries have concurred therein."

Your Committee recommend the adoption by this Presbytery of the above amendment so far as it concerns organic union.

OVERTURE VI.

The Assembly (p. 49, Min. '83) took the following action, to-wit :

"The usual method of correspondence by letter between this General Assembly and other Ecclesiastical bodies shall hereafter include the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, with the exception, however, that delegates be appointed by this Assembly to these bodies at their next ensuing sessions

in 1883 and 1884, respectively, to convey our most cordial, christian and fraternal salutations, these delegates being instructed to state to them this method of correspondence hereafter by letter as adopted by this body, with the hope that it may meet with their co-operation, and that the special attention of the presbyteries be called to this action of the General Assembly, for an expression of their opinion on the mode of Correspondence for the future,

Your Committee recommend the endorsement by this Presbytery of the above action of the Assembly.

H. T. DARNALL, *Chairman.*

P. H. Dalton signified his acceptance of the call of New Hope church.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made a report which was accepted.

Col. Thos. M. Holt was re-elected a Trustee of Davidson College.

The Presbytery took recess until after public worship to-night.

EVENING SESSION.

The order of the day was taken up, and the Agent of Foreign Missions made a report which was received, and its recommendations amended and adopted, as follows:

Resolved 1. That we feel grateful to God for the enlarged success of our Church as a whole, in the work of Foreign Missions; but that we deplore our own failure to perform our duty in contributing to this cause.

Resolved 2. That in the judgment of this Presbytery the cause of Foreign Missions is still second to no other object of benevolence, which demands our contributions; and that it is hereby enjoined upon all our Ministers to urge their churches to far greater liberality in supporting this cause.

Durham was chosen as the place for the next meeting of Presbytery.

The Committee on Installations presented the following additional report which was adopted:

That Rev. P. H. Dalton be installed pastor of New Hope on the *first* Sabbath of January. Rev. H. T. Darnall o preach the sermon, and charge the pastor; Rev. D. I. Craig to preside, &c., and charge the people—each to be alternate to the other.

Your Committee recommends that Psesbytery hold an adjourned meeting in Henderson on Friday before the 5th Sabbath of December to receive the Rev. L. B. Johnston, and install him pastor of Henderson and Nutbush churches.

S. M. SMITH, *Chairman.*

Presbytery adjourned until Monday at 9:30, A. M., and was closed with prayer by J. H. Smith, D.D.

FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

MONDAY, November 12, 9:30 A. M.

The Presbytery was called to order and opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The Minutes of Saturday's Session were read and approved.

The Committee on the 1st and 5th Overtures of the General Assembly was continued with directions to report at the Spring meeting of Presbytery.

The following resolution presented by L. C. Vass, was docketed for further consideration, viz:

WHEREAS, It is the duty of Presbytery to watch over their Ministers as well as churches, and whereas, Ministers are often discouraged and tempted to relax their efforts for the cause of Christ; therefore,

Resolved, That at every Fall meeting of Presbytery, the conduct and labours of each Minister shall be reviewed by the Presbytery, and the Presbytery shall require a written account from each of their public labours, pastoral visitation, catechising of children, and also whether they give themselves to reading and study; and shall receive such encouragement, admonition, and advice, as his case seems to require.

(*Taken with slight verbal change from Records of Presbytery, Oct.* 23, 1841.)

The report of the Special Committee on Evangelistic Work was taken from the docket; its recommendation adopted as follows; and the Committee discharged:

That a Committee consisting chiefly, or entirely of efficient Ruling Elders be appointed to mature a plan and raise funds by individual efforts and subscriptions to supplement the Evangelistic Fund now raised by our regular presbyterial plan, which funds are to be entirely under the control of the Presbytery.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly presented a report which was received.

A. Tate, W. J. Ector, G. L. Walker, W. H. Anderson, D. S. Allison, R. M. Sloan, and J. L. Currie were excused from attendance after this morning's session.

A historical sketch of Durham church was read by H. T. Darnall, received, and ordered to be filed.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to deposit the original records of Orange Presbytery, after he has completed his copy thereof, in the Historical Society of Philadelphia for preservation, but subject to the order of the Presbytery.

J. W. Primrose was appointed in place of D. E. Jordan to prepare a historical sketch of the Oxford church.

It was ordered that a copy of the historical sketches of Bethlehem and Winston churches lately published in the "North Carolina Presbyterian," be filed in lieu of the usual written sketches.

A Committee, consisting of F. H. Johnston, D.D, and L. C. Vass, was appointed to recommend at this meeting an additional list of historians of churches.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Presbytery has heard with heartfelt satisfaction that Rev. J. M. Rose and Rev. S. H. Isler, members of the Presbytery of Wilmington, and residents of the town of Goldsboro', have been from time to time preaching and laboring at intervals in churches and neighborhoods within the bounds of this Presbytery, and would hereby cordially invite them to continue the same, assuring them of our hearty consent to and grateful appreciation of such labors.

April 23rd, at 7:30 P. M., 1884, was selected as the time for the next regular meeting of the Presbytery.

Recess was taken until after public worship.

AFTER RECESS,

The Special Committee on the Warrenton church property reported progress and was continued, to report at an adjourned meeting during the Sessions of the Synod in Wilmington.

D. I. Craig, J. L. Currie, and L. B. Spencer, Commissioners to the General Assembly, reported their attendance.

A Committee, consisting of Jas. C. Alexander, L. C. Vass, and Geo. Summey, were appointed to consider applications for aid from the Wiley fund, to report at the adjourned meeting during Synod.

A motion to appropriate the sum of $70 from the Wiley fund to Wm. F. Thom was docketed.

Bethesda church gave satisfactory reason for not entering into the pastoral relation. (See Min. page 37.)

The Stated Clerk reported that no other churches had responded except New Hope indirectly by calling a pastor.

D. I. Craig and Jesse H. Lindsay were appointed a Committee to settle with the Evangelist.

Wm. F. Thom and M. T. Savage were excused from attendance after 4 o'clock.

Recess was taken until 3 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Moderator appointed the following persons on the Committee contemplated in the report of the Special Committee on Evangelistic Work, viz: A. M. Scales, Jesse H. Lindsay, R. P. Dick, Geo. Allen and W. S. Primrose.

S. M. Smith was appointed to prepare a biographical sketch of the late Robert A. Wailes.

It was resolved, that at each regular meeting of the Presbytery a sermon be preached upon some subject previously designated, and

J. Henry Smith, D.D., was, on motion, appointed to preach on the subject "Presbyterianism," at the next meeting in Durham.

The resolution presented by L. C. Vass was taken from the docket, and was referred to a Committee to report next Spring upon the expediency of the measure, and the best measures of carrying it out, if it be deemed expedient.

L. C. Vass, J. H. Smith, and A. L. Crawford were appointed said Committee.

The following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, The General Assembly has taken so decided interest in the matter of the sanctity of the Sabbath as to appoint a permanent commiitee on that subject, and in its last meeting instructed this Committee to "employ such means as they shall deem proper, to arrest as far as possible, the tide of Sabbath desecration which is now beginning to break over our land, threatening to mar, if not utterly destroy our civil as well as our Christian institutions, and

WHEREAS, In the report of the Assembly's permanent Committee, they state that "one of the greatest difficulties is the seeming apathy and careless indifference of professing Christians," and then use following language, 'If all the

Christian people of this country were united in sympathy and effort in this Sabbath movement, success would be certain, and at no distant day. But when Ministers of the Gospel do not hesitate to use the railroads in going and returning from their appointments; when God's people go regularly to the post-offices to receive their business letters and political newspapers that they might read them, and when they are ready on the slightest plea to begin as well as continue and end their journeys on the Lord's Day, what ground can we have for hope? As long as the Church treats the day of the Lord with disrespect, what better can be expected from the outside world?" therefore,

Resolved, That this Presbytery desires to renew its expression of full accord with the efforts of the Assembly's Committee on the Sabbath, deprecating all discouragement arising from the apathy of professing Christians, and hereby expresses its distinct condemnation of all using of railroads by Ministers of the Gospel on the Lord's Day, in going and returning from their appointments, as well as all Sunday travelling, and all conduct relating to secular, political or business reading on the part of professing Christians; and does earnestly enjoin upon all our Ministers and people to avoid any courses of conduct that indicate any want of regard for the sanctity of the Lord's Day; and that this resolution be read by all our Ministers from their pulpits at their earliest opportunity.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Presbytery of Orange express its thanks to the good people of Tarboro' for their kind and hospitable entertainment of the Presbytery during its sessions here; and to the Methodist Church for the use of their church; and to the various railroad and steamboat companies for usual courtesies extended to us in reduced rates of travel; and request the pastor of this church to announce this resolution from the pulpit of this church.

A. L. Crawford signified his acceptance of the call of the Lexington church.

S. L. Wilson was granted permission to withdraw from his Evangelistic field between this time and the Spring meeting of Presbytery, should he deem it necessary.

The Committee on Installations made the following additional report which was adopted:

That Rev. A. L. Crawford be installed pastor of the Lexington church on the first Sabbath in January; Rev. F. H. Johnston, D.D., to preside and propose the constitutional questions, and charge the people; Rev. Jas. C. Alexander to preach and charge the pastor.

After a recess of fifteen minutes, the order of the day was taken up, viz: the consideration of a Minute touching the death of the late R. A. Wailes.

The Committee appointed presented a memorial as follows; and it was directed that a copy of it be sent to the wife and father of Mr. Wailes, and also for publication in the "N. C. Presbyterian" and "Central Presbyterian."

IN MEMORIAM.

ROBERT AUSTIN WAILES.

BORN, 11 MAY, 1855. DIED, 14 JUNE, 1883.

The subject of this sketch was the second son of Rev. Benj. M. and Constance C. Wailes. He was converted in the 16th year of his age, and began at once, in his father's congregation a course of Christian activity which ended on earth in last June. It is worthy of note as a practical testimony to his attainments and character, that while in his 16th or 17th

year, he was appointed by the Trustees of the School he attended, teacher of his fellow pupils and companions: it is significant of much that in so delicate a situation he commanded at once all respect and obedience. He entered Hampden Sidney College in his 18th year, and at the end of four years graduated with the "best speaker's" medal. He then pursued a full course of theological study at Union Seminary, Va., graduating in 1880. Of the impression made there the following extracts taken from the letters of two of his professors, give some idea. One writes: "I not only admired him for his talents and attainments, but I loved him for his pious and amiable deportment. It was a pleasure to teach one so capable of learning, and at the same time so ready to receive and appreciate instruction."

The other says: "Mr. Wailes was by common consent one of the manliest and most ingenuous young men to be found anywhere. He was besides endowed with traits of mind and character and person, that placed him far above the majority of his co-evals. In addition to all this he was accomplished in learning, blessed with a sincere and glowing piety, and specially trained and gifted for the work of the Gospel ministry."

He was licensed in April, 1880, by West Hanover Presbytery, and gave the first year of his labor with great acceptance and satisfaction to mission work (now forming the 3rd Presbyterian church) in the 1st Presbyterian church, of Lynchburg, Va.

In 1881 he was invited to the field embracing Tarboro', Rocky Mount, and Wilson, and accepting this invitation he was received under the care of Orange Presbytery as a licentiate from West Hanover, 28 October, 1881, and at the same time examined for ordination under a call from the two churches in his field.

On Dec. 11th, he was ordained and installed pastor of Tarboro' church for one half his time, and on 14th May following, installed pastor at Rocky Mount for one-fourth his time. In Oct. 1882 he was married to Miss Mary C. Eggleston, of Prince Edward Co., Va., and on the 14th June, 1883, God called him home to his reward. Among his last words were,

"Amazing grace, how sweet the sound!
That saved a wretch like me."

and "It is all right."

Such is the outline of a life that, though brief, has left its impress for good indelible in many hearts. The finest tribute to his worth is found in the unalloyed esteem and unmingled pride of his congregation in him, in his great and growing popularity with all classes, and in the touching sense of individual and personal loss and bereavement that they feel in his death. The spiritual interests of his people lay as a burden on his soul, and formed the subject of fervent prayer during his very last hours. He was blessed with a rare combination of gifts for usefulness and acceptability in the pulpit, in the pastorate, and in social life; the strong, deep current of his character—strong in conscientious conviction and unwavering devotion to duty, deep in serious appreciation of responsibility and consecration—was rippled ever with graceful and genial cheerfulness that won access for its influence in all hearts, and gave increasing promise of success in the great work to which it was devoted. To short-sighted human wisdom, the death of such a man, in his 29th year, seems premature, but the Lord of the harvest knoweth best. To his decree we bow with submission, while as a Presbytery we record this expression of our esteem for our sainted brother as a preacher, as a christian, and as a man, and assure those most nearly related to him of our sympathy and prayers, and our share in the sad loss they have sustained.

The Committee appointed to install J. N. H. Summerell as pastor of the Tarboro' church reported the duty performed. The report was received and the Committee discharged.

Recess was taken until after public worship to-night.

EVENING SESSION.

The order of the day, viz: the consideration of the report of the Trustees of Davidson College was taken up and addresses made by the Trustees present and others in behalf of that institution.

The Presbytery resolved that when it adjourns, it adjourn to meet at Wilmington during the sessions of Synod, at the call of the Moderator.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator during the sessions of Synod in Wilmington.

Closed with singing, prayer and the benediction.

GEO. SUMMEY, }
JNO. S. WATKINS, } *Tem. Clerks.*

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

MINUTES

OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING IN WILMINGTON.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Nov. 16, 1883. 12:30 P. M.

The Presbytery met in the 1st Presbyterian church, at the call of the Moderator, and was opened with prayer.

Present: J. C. Alexander, F. H. Johnston, D.D., T. J. Allison, J. W. Primrose, L. C. Vass, S. M. Smith, P. F. Law, W. F. Thom, J. S. Watkins, D. I. Craig, and Geo. Summey, *Ministers:* and *Ruling Elders:* Geo Allen, of Newbern; J. J. White, of Mt. Vernon; Robt. Bingham, of Mebaneville; S. Neal, of Winston; M. T. Savage, of Nahalah; R. C. Rankin, of Bethel.

The Committee to settle with the Evangelists reported the duty performed so far as referred to Messrs. Thom and Law.

The Committee to whom was referred the application for aid from the Wiley fund reported as follows, and the report was received and adopted:

The Committee appointed to report on the distribution of the Wiley fund, report,

1. That $100 be given to Chapel Hill to assist in supporting a pastor.
2. That $100 be given to Mt. Vernon church to assist the building of a house of worship.
3. That $150 be given to Lagrange church to assist in building a house of worship.

The money to be paid for building purposes only when the sum appropriated will free the church from debt, and put the house in condition to be used for worship.

The following report of the Committee on Supplies was received and adopted:

Oak Hill,	T. U. Faucette,	one Sabbath and one week day.
"	J. L. Currie,	" "
Spring Wood,	Geo. Summey,	" "
"	J. H. Smith, D.D.,	" "
Hawfields,	W. B. Tidball,	" "
Cross Roads,	F. H. Johnston, D.D.,	" "
Alamance,	C. H. Wiley, D.D.,	" "
Yanceyville,	P. H. Dalton,	" "
"	A. Currie,	" "
Ashboro field,	F. H. Johnston, J. C. Alexander. A. L. Crawford,	1 Sab. each, assisting Evangelist,
Nahalah field,	S. M. Smith, J. N. H. Summerell, Jno. S. Watkins,	" " "
Chatham field,	T. J. Allison. H. T. Darnall, W. B. Tidball,	" " "
Neuse River field,	L. C. Vass, Jno. S. Watkins,	" " "
Selma,	H. T. Darnall, J. W. Primrose, J. S. Watkins,	1 Sabbath each.

The following report of the Special Committee on the Warrenton church was received and adopted:

Resolved, That Rev. S. L. Wilson be directed to go, as soon as possible, to Warren County, and spend several days there in searching up and visiting Presbyterians in th t county for the purpose of ascertaining the propriety of our establishing regular services in the town of Warrenton, and elsewhere in said county. Also for the purpose of ascertaining the exact condition of the Presbyterian church building in Warrenton, and whether repairs needed to put the property in good order can be made, provided this Presbytery contribute one hundred dollars to that work.

Resolved, That Mr. Wilson be directed to send a full report on this subject to the adjourned meeting of this Presbytery at Henderson, Dec. 28, 1883.

The reasons for the absence of J. W. Primrose from the regular meeting in Tarboro' were sustained.

Wm. S. Primrose, a Commissioner to the General Assembly presented, by letter, a report of his attendance.

The Presbytery took recess until after the afternoon session of the Synod.

AFTER RECESS,

The time for the adjourned meeting of the Presbytery at Henderson was changed to Friday at 11 A. M. before the 5th Sabbath in December.

P. R. Law presented his report as Evangelist, which was received, and ordered to be filed.

The Committee to nominate a list of historians of the churches was continued.

The Stated Clerk was ordered to purchase a suitable map of the Presbytery.

The Committee to settle with the Evangelists was continued.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator, and was closed with prayer.

November 17th, 5 P. M.

The Presbytery met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

Rev. Simmons H. Isler, of the Presbytery of Wilmington, presented a letter of dismission from that body, with a view to connecting himself with this Presbytery, whereupon, after the customary examination, Mr. Isler was, upon motion, received as a member of this Presbytery, and his name enrolled.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Henderson on Friday, December 28th, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Closed with prayer.

GEO. SUMMEY, *Clerk.*

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

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OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING AT HENDERSON.

HENDERSON, N. C., FRIDAY, December 28, 1883.

The Presbytery met at 12 o'clock, M., to-day in the Presbyterian church, being called to order by JNO. W. PRIMROSE, the last Moderator present.

Constituted with prayer after which the following members were enrolled, viz:

Robt. Burwell, D.D., Jos. M. Atkinson, D.D., J. W. Primrose and S. L. Wilson, *Ministers;* with Sam'l Watkins, *Ruling Elder* from the Henderson church.

Rev. R. BURWELL, D.D., was chosen Moderator *pro tem.*, and Sam'l Watkins was appointed temporary clerk.

Presbytery then took recess until after divine service at 7 o'clock, A.M.

AFTER RECESS,

Ruler Elder Walter Bullock from Nutbush church appeared and was enrolled.

On motion, the Rev. Lewis B. Johnston was, after satisfactory examination received as a member of this Presbytery from the Presbytery of West Hanover.

Calls from the Nutbush and Henderson churches for the pastoral services of Mr. Johnston were placed in his hands, and accepted by him.

The following order of installation of Mr. Johnston as pastor of Henderson church was taken.

R. Burwell, D.D., to preside and propound the constitutional questions; J. W. Primrose to charge the pastor, and S. L. Wilson to charge the people.

Dr. Burwell to be alternate to either. Time, the *fifth* Sabbath (30th inst.) of December.

On motion, the *fifth* Sabbath in March next was the day appointed for Mr. Johnston's installation at Nutbush.

Jno. S. Watkins to preside and propound the constitutional questions; J. W. Primrose to deliver the charge to the pastor, and S. L. Wilson the charge to the people—each to be alternate to the other.

S. L. Wilson made a report of his visit to Warrenton and vicinity, and of the condition of the Presbyterian church building in that place, which report was received and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That the Presbytery appropriate One Hundred Dollars to complete repairs of the Warrenton church building, *provided*, there be that amount of unappropriated funds in the treasury.

On motion, the propriety of supplying the church at Warrenton through our Evangelist, Mr. Wilson, was referred to the Agent of Home Missions.

On motion, Rev. Mr. Hopkins, of the Yadkin Presbytery, was heard in regard to his work among the coloured people, and the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Orange Presbytery has heard with pleasure the statements made by Rev. M. A. Hopkins, of the Yadkin Presbytery, concerning his work at Franklinton, N. C., and in the vicinity, and that we bid him God-speed in the good work in which he is engaged, and that we are ready to aid and encourage him in any way we can.

After prayer by S. L. Wilson, the Presbytery adjourned to meet in Durham, the 23d April, 1884, at 7:30 P. M.

(Signed) ROBT. BURWELL, *Mod.*
SAM'L WATKINS, *Clerk.*

Attest:—F. H. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

MINUTES

OF THE PRO RE NATA MEETING IN GREENSBORO, N. C.

GREENSBORO, N. C., March 1st, 1884.

The Presbytery of Orange met in *pro re nata* session in the lecture-room of the Presbyterian church, according to the following notice, viz:

BINGHAM SCHOOL, N. C., February 20, 1884.

Pursuant to compliance with chap. 5, sec. 4, par. 8 of F. G., I call a meeting of Orange Presbytery to be held in Greensboro, N. C., March 1st, 1884, at 10 A.M., to consider and act upon a call from Purity church, Chester, S. C., for the pastoral services of Rev. Geo. Summey.

T. J. ALLISON, *Moderator.*

J. H. Smith, D.D., the oldest minister present, and the last Moderator, opened the meeting with prayer.

The following presbyters were present: J. H. Smith, D.D., W. B. Tidball, J. C. Alexander, and Geo. Summey, with R. M. Sloan, Ruling Elder of the Greensboro church.

It appearing that for good reasons the churches whose pastor's call to another charge was to be considered, were not prepared to have the matter issued at the meeting to-day, the Presbytery adjourned to meet on Wednesday, March 5th, at 8:30 A. M., in the office of R. M. Sloan, in Greensboro.

Closed with prayer by W. B. Tidball.

GREENSBORO, March 5, 1884.

No quorum of Presbytery appearing at the time and place appointed, J. H. Smith, Geo. Summey, *Ministers*, and R. M. Sloan, *Ruling Elder*, being present, adjournment was taken until 1 P. M., this day, when W. B. Tidball, Minister, appearing, the Presbytery was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

W. B. Tidball was requested to act as Clerk.

A call from the Purity church, Chester, S. C., for the pastoral services of Geo. Summey being before the Presbytery for consideration, the certificate of the Stated Clerk of Bethel Presbytery, was read, showing that the call had been presented, declared in order, and its prosecution duly authorized.

The churches of Graham and Company Shops were then heard, the Graham church, through its pastor, to the effect that it had resolved not to join the pastor in an application to the Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relation, should the call to the Chester church be placed in his hands, but would leave the whole matter to the Presbytery for its action in the premises; and from the Company Shops church, through its Commissioner, Thos. S. Robertson, to the effect that that church not only declined to concur with the pastor in the aforesaid application, and would with the greatest regret and sorrow see the relation terminated, but also wished everything done and considered which might result in a continuance of the present relation.

After a due hearing of all the parties the Presbytery placed the call in the hands of Mr. Summey, and the call being accepted by him, the pastoral relation between him and the Graham and Company Shops churches was dissolved, to take effect from March 17th, and he was given a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of Bethel.

It was ordered that the pastor give notice to the congregations, at his own convenience, of this action of Presbytery.

The meeting was closed with prayer, by W. B. Tidball.

W. B. TIDBALL, *Clerk.*

Attest:—F. H. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

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MINUTES.

DURHAM, N. C., Wednesday, April 23rd, 1884. 7:30 P. M.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment in the Presbyterian church in Durham, and was opened with a sermon from the Moderator, Rev. T. J. ALLISON, from John Ic. 13v., "Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

The Presbytery was then constituted with prayer, after which the roll was called with the following result.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*	*Churches.*
A. Currie.		
T. U. Faucette.	W. L. Stamps.	Milton.
J. M. Atkinson, D.D.	P. P. Peace.	Raleigh 2d.
P. H. Dalton.	J. T. Hogan.	New Hope.
	J. A. Long, (3).	Yanceyville.
J. H. Smith, D.D.	L. Swaim, (2).	Greensboro.
F. H. Johnston, D.D.		
J. C. Alexander.	J. C. Cannon.	Buffalo.
L. C. Vass, (2)	George Allen.	Newbern.
J. W. Primrose.	R. S. Smith.	Geneva.
H. T. Darnall.	W. H. Hanks.	Durham.
C. Miller.		
T. J. Allison.	R. Bingham, (2).	Mebaneville.
	D. F. Morrow.	Bethlehem.
J. L. Currie.	T. H. Hughes.	Eno.
	T. H. Wilson.	Little River.
	A. G. Garrison.	Stony Creek.
S. M. Smith.	C. M. Brown.	Washington.
P. R. Law.	J. A. Alston.	Pittsboro.
J. S. Watkins.	E. G. Reade.	Raleigh 1st.
D. I. Craig.	A. S. Williamson, (3).	Bethesda.
S. L. Wilson.	R. A. Patterson, (2).	Littleton.
	W. T. Whitehead, (2).	Nahalah.
W. F. Thom.	J. H. Houston.	Mt. Vernon.
	A. C. McAllister.	Ashboro.
J. N. H. Summerell.		
A. L. Crawford.		
S. H. Isler, (2)	M. H. Wooten.	La Grange.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*	*Churches.*
L. B. Johnston.	J. R. Young.	Henderson.
	Walter Bullock.	Nutbush.
C. Phillips, D.D., (3).		
—24.	L. Lynch.	Hillsboro.
	F. P. Venable, (2).	Chapel Hill.
	T. C. Johnston (2).	Hawfields.
	E. C. Murray.	Cross Roads.
	T. M. Holt.	Graham.
	N. B. Daniel. —31.	Oak Hill.

MINISTERS ABSENT.— R. Burwell, D.D., G. W. Ferrill, D. Lacy, D.D., C. N. Morrow, C. H. Wiley, D.D., and W. B. Tidball.

Thirty-three churches were not represented.

Rev. JAS. L. CURRIE was elected Moderator and Rev. S. M. SMITH with A. C. MCALLISTER, Temporary Clerks.

Presbytery then adjourned with prayer, to meet to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING, 9:30 o'clock.

The Presbytery met, and was called to order by the Moderator, and opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the adjourned meetings of the 227th Session were read.

The following delegates appeared and gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness: R. A. Patterson, Littleton; R. Bingham, Mebaneville; W. T. Whitehead, Nahalah.

Rev. R. Burwell, D.D., and Rev. C. N. Morrow sent excuses by letter for failure to attend the present meeting, which were sustained; and the Stated Clerk was directed to write a letter of sympathy to the Rev. C. N. Morrow in his present feeble state of health. T. U. Faucette rendered his excuse for failure to attend the last meeting of Presbytery which was sustained.

The Moderator announced the following Committees:

Narrative to the General Assembly and Synod:

Watkins, Wilson and Stamps.

Systematic Beneficence:

Law, Young and Peace.

Reports on Sessional Duties:

Faucette, Dalton and Alston.

Sessional Records:
First Section—Primrose and Bullock.
Second Section—Thom and Morrow.
Third Section—Miller and Hogan.
Fourth Section—Craig and Murray.

Treasurer's Account:
Col. Holt and Geo. Allen.

Minutes of Synod:
Allison and Brown.

Devotional Exercises:
Darnall and Hanks.

Installations:
Summerell, Wooten and Garrison.

Calls and Supplies:
Alexander, Crawford, Atkinson, with Elders Smith and Wooten.

F. H. Johnston, D.D., was appointed Treasurer *pro tem.*

Rev. R. L. Gwaltney and Rev. C. Durham, of the Baptist Church, and Rev. T. A. Boone, of the Methodist E. Church, were invited to sit as visiting brethren, and Messrs. Gwaltney and Boone were introduced by the Moderator to the Presbytery.

Rev. Wm. F. Wilhelm, of the Greenbrier Presbytery, Synod of Virginia, was invited to sit as a corresponding member, and was also introduced to the Presbytery.

It was made the order of the day for 12 o'clock to-day to hear Major Bingham in the interests of Davidson College.

Ordered also that Presbytery hear the semi-annual sermon by Dr. Smith, at 8 o'clock, this evening.

The Presbytery then engaged for an hour in devotional exercises.

On motion, the order taken for 12 M. to-day was reconsidered, and the time changed to 4 o'clock, P. M.

Rev. W. F. Wilhelm presented a letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Greenbrier, and after the usual examination, he was received as a member of this Presbytery and his name ordered to be enrolled.

Calls were presented from the Hillsboro' and Chapel Hill churches for the pastoral services of Mr. Wilhelm, for one-half his time each, on a salary of $500 at Hillsboro, and $450 at Chapel Hill, per annum.

Said calls being found in order were placed in his hands, and accepted.

Calls were presented from the churches of Hawfields and Cross Roads, one half the time each, for the pastoral services of Rev. S. H. Chester. These calls, on motion, were laid on the table for the present.

Applications for the services of Stated Supply were received from the following churches and referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies, viz: Fairfield, Bethesda, Ashboro, Milton, Croatan, Leaksville, Geneva, Wentworth, Oakland, Calah, Madison, Mt. Vernon, Red House, Pittsboro, Lagrange.

The report of the Executive Committee of Education was made the first order after divine service to-night, and the reading of the reports on State of Religion in the churches of the Presbytery was made the first order of the day for the afternoon session.

The criticism made in the Session Book of the Oxford church Session at the last Spring meeting, was, on motion, revoked, and this action of the Presbytery ordered to be recorded in said book.

The roll was called to ascertain whether Sessions of the churches had afforded the opportunity, as ordered, to their churches respectively to contribute to all the causes of Systematic Beneficence.

The roll of Ministers was also called to ascertain whether they had presented, as directed, the subject of Home Missions in its various branches to their congregations, and also whether they had read the action of the Presbytery in reference to Sabbath Observance.

The reports of the Agent of Home Missions, Evangelists, &c., were made the first order of the day for to-morrow morning.

On motion, Presbytery resolved to meet daily at 9:30 P. M.—take recess at 1 P. M.—meet again at 3 P. M. and adjourn at will.

A paper introduced by P. R. Law was docketed to be considered in private session as the first order for to-morrow afternoon.

The Treasurer's Report was received, read and referred to the Committee on the Treasurer's Account.

The Stated Clerk was directed to write to B. B. Palmer, a colored licentiate under the care of the Presbytery, informing him of his duty to report to the Presbytery.

The Session of the Durham church was, on motion, authorized by Presbytery to receive into its membership Mrs. Fannie Jasper, member of the Louisburg church which has no session.

The reports of Ministers appointed as Supplies at the last meeting being called for, and rendered, it appeared that in most cases duty had been performed, and in the remaining cases the excuses made for omission of the duty were accepted as satisfactory.

The report of the Trustees of the Presbytery was received, read, and ordered to be filed.

Presbytery then receded from business until 2:30, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Presbytery met after recess.

A letter was received from Wm. B. Tidball, giving satisfactory excuse for absence from this meeting, and some account of his work. This part of the letter was placed on the docket to be considered in connexion with the subject of Home Missions.

Ruling Elders T. H. Hughes, of Eno, and F. P. Venable, of Chapel Hill, appeared in Presbytery, and were enrolled after rendering excuse for tardiness.

The committees appointed to install James L. Currie pastor of Stony Creek and Grier's churches; Jas. N. H. Summerell, same of Rocky Mount church; P. H. Dalton, same of New Hope church; A. L. Crawford, same of Lexington church; and L. B. Johnston, same of Henderson and Nutbush churches, reported these several duties performed.

The committee to organize a church at Worthville, in Randolph county, reported the duty performed on the 30th of March. A church of thirteen members, with two Ruling Elders and one Deacon was organized. The report was accepted, and the name of the church—Worthville—enrolled.

S. M. Smith presented a biographical sketch of the late Robert A Wailes, which was read, approved and ordered to be recorded in the Presbytery's book of Biographical Sketches.

T. C. Johnston, from Hawfields, and Lyndom Swaim, from Greensboro', Ruling Elders, appeared and were enrolled after rendering satisfactory excuses for late attendance.

Presbytery then took up the order of the day,—the reading of the reports on the State of Religion in the churches, which was arrested at 4 o'clock, in order to hear Maj. Bingham in the interests of Davidson College.

The following persons were nominated for Commissioners to the General Assembly: *Ministere*—Primrose, Darnall, Alexander, Johnston (F.H.), Watkins, and Miller. *Ruling Elders*—W. L. Stamps, T. A. Watkins, P. P. Peace, D. F. Morrow, and F. P. Venable.

James C. Alexander was re-elected Agent of Home Missions.

Hillsboro' was chosen as the place of the next Stated meeting.

The reading of the reports on State of Religion was then resumed and finished.

The following Elders were added to the several standing committees on the Examination of Candidates: 1. Walter Bullock. 2. F. P. Venable. 3. W. L. Stamps. 4. Jos. A. Houston. 5. C. M. Brown. 6. Geo. Allen. 7. T. H. Hughes. 8. D. F. Morrow.

Presbytery resolved to hear trial sermon of candidate R. E. Caldwell at 8 P. M. to-morrow.

The fourth committee to review Sessional Records made a report which was received, amended and adopted.

Presbytery then receded from business till 8 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

The Presbytery met, and heard the semi annual sermon by Dr. Smith, on "Presbyterianism"—founded on II Timothy, 1c. 13v.

Rev. Jno. W. Primrose was appointed to preach the next Presbyterial sermon on the subject—"Nature, Warrant and Functions of the Office of Ruling Elder."

The Agent of Education then made his report which was accepted.

L. C. Vass and S. H. Isler appeared in Presbytery and, after rendering excuse for late attendance, took their seats.

Mr. R. B. Willis, candidate under care of the Presbytery, made a request to be permitted to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery, which was laid on the table to be considered at an adjourned meeting, the time of which is to be fixed before adjournment of the present session.

A similar request from candidate Turner A. Wharton was referred to the Agent of Education, to act according to his judgment in the premises.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock, and was closed with prayer by L. B. Johnston.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING, April 25.

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer by D. I. Craig.

The Minutes of yesterday were read, amended and adopted.

M. H. Wooten and J. H. Smith, D.D., were granted leave of absence, the former after this morning's, and the latter after this afternoon's session.

Applications for services of Stated Supply from the churches of Littleton and Gulf were referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies.

The hour for the order of the day having arrived the Presbytery proceeded to consider to consider the subject of Home Missions. The Agent made his report which was received, and was followed by the reports of the Evangelists,—Messrs. Law, Wilson, Thom, Isler, and a verbal report from P. H. Dalton.

Presbytery then receded from business till after public worship, after which business was resumed.

The *third* committee on Greek, Hebrew and Logic reported the examination of candidate Caldwell on those subjects with recommendation of approval. The report was received and adopted.

To-night after public worship was fixed as the time for hearing the popular lecture of the candidate.

Jas. C. Alexander with George Allen and C. M. Brown were appointed a committee to consider applications for aid from the "Wiley Fund."

The unfinished business of Home Missions was then resumed, and letters from W. B. Tidball, M. T. Savage, and the Mt. Vernon church Session were read, pending the consideration of which Presbytery took recess until 2:30 P. M.

The Presbytery resumed its sitting at 2:30 o'clock.

Ruling Elders A. S. Williamson, of Bethesda church, and J. A. Long, of Yanceyville, appeared and were enrolled after rendering excuse for late attendance.

Messrs. T. C. Johnston, A. G. Garrison, and C. M. Brown were excused from further attendance after this afternoon's session.

The *second* Committee on Sessional Records made their report, which was accepted amended and adopted.

Rev. N. H. D. Wilson, D.D., of the M. E. Church South, being present, was invited to sit as a visiting brother, and introduced by the Moderator.

The Stated Clerk was directed to inquire into the suspension of a member of the Littleton church without citation.

E. C. Murray, from Cross Roads Church, was excused from attendance after this afternoon's session.

Presbytery then took up and considered the paper introduced by P. R. Law—the body according to previous order sitting in private session. The paper, containing a plan for more general and systematic working of the home field, was finally referred to a committee of five to report at the next meeting, viz: Rev. Messrs. Darnall, Wilhelm and Law, with Messrs. Hanks and Venable.

Rev. Dr. Chas. Phillips appeared in Presbytery.

The *first* Committee on Sessional Records made a report which was received, amended and adopted.

F. P. Venable was excused from further attendance after this afternoon.

On motion, the text previously assigned to candidate Caldwell for his trial sermon was changed to II Corinthians, 13c. 10v. and that for his popular lecture to John 6: 66–69.

The Presbytery then proceeded to examine Mr. Caldwell on Theology, which examination was sustained as part of trial.

Mr. Caldwell was next examined in Ecclesiastical History, Church Government, and the Sacraments, all which examinations were sustained as parts of trial.

It was resolved, if the way be clear, to license the candidate to-night after public worship.

The *third* Commlttee on Sessional Records made a report which was amended and adopted.

The Committee on Installations made the following report which was approved:

That Rev. W. F. Wilhelm be installed pastor at Chapel Hill on the *second* Sabbath in May.
Rev. J. S. Watkins preach, preside. &c.
Rev. P. R. Law charge the pastor, and
Rev. T. J. Allison the people.
That Mr. Wilhelm be installed at Hillsboro on the *third* Sabbath in May.
Rev. H. T. Darnall preach, preside. &c.
Rev. J. C. Alexander charge the pastor, and
Rev. A. Currie the people.

A. C. McAllister was granted leave of absence after this afternoon; L. B. Johnston, S. H. Isler, J. S. Watkins, with Elders Young and Bullock after morning's session to-morrow; J. W. Primrose and Dr. Atkinson with Elders Daniel, Smith and Peace after noon to-morrow; and L. Swaim after to-morrow afternoon's session.

Resolved. To take up unfinished business of Home Missions after the licensure of the candidate to-night, and continue without arrest until finished.

The Stated Clerk reported another volume of copied records ready for examination. The Presbytery referred it to a committee consisting of H. T. Darnall and F. P. Venable for verification.

Resolved, That when Presbytery adjourns it will adjourn to meet in Mebaneville, on Wednesday before the *fourth* Sabbath in May at 2 P. M.

C. Miller and J. C. Alexander, with H. T. Darnall and J. S. Watkins, alternates, were elected as the ministerial commissioners to the General Assembly.

The Ruling Elders chosen were, W. L. Stamps and D. F. Morrow, with T. A. Watkins and F. P. Venable, alternates.

The Committee on the Treasurer's Account made a report which was received.

S. L. Wilson, with Elders Patterson, Whitehead, and Stamps were granted leave of absence after to-morrow morning.

Presbytery receded from business until 8 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

Presbytery met at 8 o'clock and heard the trial sermon of Mr. Caldwell, which was sustained as part of trial.

Committee on Examination No. 2 (Latin,&c.) reported that they had examined the Latin exegesis of the candidate and recommended that it be sustained as part of trial. Adopted.

Presbytery then heard Mr. Caldwell's popular lecture which was sustained as part of trial.

Resolved, That the examination of Mr. Caldwell be sustained as a whole.

The candidate was then licensed to preach as a probationer for the Gospel ministry according to the form prescribed.

The Presbytery then went into private session, and the order of the day was suspended in order to hear a personal statement from a member of the body.

Licentiate Caldwell obtained permission to labor out of the bounds of the Presbytery until the next Stated meeting.

Resolved, That a commission be appointed to visit Calah church and inquire into alleged evils and report at Fall meeting.

L. C. Vass was granted leave of absence after morning's session to-morrow.

Presbytery then adjourned till to-morrow at 9 A. M., and was led in prayer by C. Miller.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING, April 26.

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer by W. F. Thom.

Elders Wilson, Hughes and Cannon were excused from further attendance after this morning.

The Committee on Assessments reported as follows, and the report was adopted:

That the Presbyterial assessment be increased as follows on the churches named, viz: Durham to $12. Henderson, High Point and Reidsville to $10. Nutbush to $6, and Winston to $20.

That the assessment on the Raleigh 2nd church be reduced to $3.

That the apportionment of the churches named below to the Evangelistic Fund be increased as follows, viz: Cross Roads, Durham, and Henderson to $25 each. Reidsville to $15. Rocky Mount to $3. Winston to $50. Graham to $60.

The time of the Fall meeting was fixed for Friday, the 26th day of September at 8 P. M.

Presbytery resumed the unfinished business of Home Missions.

Rev. S. L. Wilson was elected Evangelist for the Nahalah field under the direction of the Agent of Home Missions until the Fall meeting at a salary of $150 per annum.

The report of the Committee to settle with the Evangelists was adopted and is as follows:

We find for the year ending April 1, 1884, the following amounts have been paid:—

To Rev. W. F. Thom from Evangelistic Fund,		$30.00
" " " Sustentation,		76.25
Still due on salary,	$168.75	
Traveling expenses,	10.10	
Whole amount	$178.85	
To Rev. P. R. Law,		$228.00
Balance salary due	$46.40	
Travelling expenses,	5.00	
Whole amount	$51.40	
To Rev. S. L. Wilson,		$200.00
Balance salary due	$100.00	
Traveling expenses to May	14.00	
Whole amount due	$114.00	

The Treasurer was directed to pay the amounts above reported as due to the persons named.

L. C. Vass proposed the following which was adopted:

Resolved, That the following sums be apportioned to our Evangelistic fields for the current year, viz: Nahalah, $150. Neuse River, $200. Ashboro, $250. Chatham, $250. Yanceyville, $50. Mt. Airy, $50. Total, $950.

That Presbytery will guarantee payment in this proportion until the Fall meeting and in the meanwhile our pastors and supplies are directed to present to all our churches the pressing demands of this work, the great deficiency of the present contributions, and the lamentable necessity, if their contributions are not promptly and generally made, and also greatly enlarged, of further curtailing and, perhaps in the Fall, abandoning much of the important and promising evangelistic work now conducted by the Presbytery.

P. R. Law was elected Evangelist for the Chatham field at a salary of $250 per annum. W. F. Thom was elected Evangelist for the Ashboro' field at a salary of $250 per annum. S. H. Isler was elected same for the Neuse River field at a salary of $200 per annum.

The Committee on the Narrative made a report which was accepted, adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly and the Synod of North Carolina. See Appendix A.

The Committee on the Minutes of Synod reported, calling attention to the action of that body.

1st. In regard to the attendance of parents upon the Sabbath School, and the holding of presbyterial Sabbath School Conventions. *Min. of Synod* '83—*p.* 403.
2d. The exception taken by Synod to Presbytery's taking recess over night. *Ibid.*—*p.* 405.
3rd. To action in reference to a map of Synod. *Ibid.*—*p.* 409.
4th. In regard to principal and alternate. *Ibid.*—*p.* 411.
5th. In regard to appointment of delegates to Synod. *Ibid. p.* 420.

The following applications for services of Stated Supply were granted for the year beginning April 1, 1884, viz:

To Gulf church for services of P. R. Law, one Sabbath per month. Salary, $90.
To Croatan church for services of S. H. Isler, same, at $75.
To Mt. Vernon church for services of W. F. Thom, same, $100; to Ashboro', same, $75.
To Fairfield church for A. Currie, same, $75.
To Wentworth church for C. Miller, same, $160.
To Geneva church for J. W. Primrose, same, $175.
To Oakland church for Dr. Burwell, same, $60.
To Madison church for C. Miller, one-half time, $250.
To Bethesda church for D. I. Craig, one-fourth time, $250.
To Leaksville church for C. Miller, same, $160.
To Milton church for T. U. Faucette, three-fourth time, $600. To Red House, same, one-fourth time, $150.
To Lagrange church for S. H. Isler, same, $75.
To Pittsboro' church, for P. R. Law, same, $100.

The following report was adopted as the answer of the Presbytery to Overture V of the General Assembly:

The Committee to whom Overture (marked V), Minutes of Gen. Assembly, page 60, was referred, and is as follows: "Chapter 4, Sec. 2, par. 6, Book of Church Order be so amended as that after the word "ordain" it shall read "to all the offices required to make them complete, and also with a view to the extension of the Church he has the power in foreign fields to ordain other evangelists"—report that the overture be answered in the negative.

The Agent of Sabbath Schools made a report which was adopted, and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly. Appendix C.

The Moderator announced the Commission to visit Calah church as follows:—Jas. C. Alexander, P. R. Law, T. J. Allison, with Elders J. A. Houston and A. C. McAllister.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence made a report which was adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly. Appendix B.

The following supplementary report presented by the same committee was adopted:

Your Committee further submits the following: Yanceyville, Croatan and Cross Roads churches omit all collections and assign no excuse therefor.

The following churches omit one or more collections, and assign the excuses annexed therefor: Raleigh 2nd church assign "small church and poor members" as an excuse; Ashboro, "forgotten"; Grassy Creek, "poverty"; Jamestown and High Point, "inadvertence"; Bethesda, Mebaneville, Spring Wood, Bethlehem, Durham, Bethel, Littleton, Company Shops, New Hope and Stony Creek, "no preaching"; Pittsboro', "no excuse"; and Shiloh, "crop failure."

With reference to the validity of these excuses your Committee recommend that the following action be taken by the Presbytery and transmitted to the churches, viz:

That none of these several reasons are valid, and that all of the churches are hereby enjoined to take up a collection at some time during the year for all of the several objects of benevolence prescribed by the General Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

P. R. LAW, *Chairman.*

The committee on the resolution introduced by L. C. Vass at the last meeting, was by request continued.

Geo. Allen, on behalf of the Committee on General Presbyterial Evangelistic work, reported certain funds on hand, no Evangelist as yet secured, and the matter remaining in *statu quo.*

One hundred dollars of the Wiley Fund were appropriated to the Wilson church building, upon the recognized conditions regulating appropriations of this fund to church erection.

Fifty dollars of the same fund were appropriated to supplement the salary of Rev. Dr. Atkinson.

Geo. Allen obtained leave of absence after this morning's session.

The Stated Clerk was directed to write to churches who did not respond to the inquiry of the Presbytery why they did not enter the pastoral relation.

F. H. Johnston, D.D., J. C. Alexander and Jesse H. Lindsay were appointed a committee to revise the blank forms for reports on Sessional Duties and report to the next meeting.

The following resolution of thanks was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of Presbytery be returned to the good people of Durham who have entertained the Presbytery for their generous hospitality; to the Methodist Church for the offer of their house of worship, and to the railroads for reduction of rates.

Presbytery then receded from business till 2:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2:30 the Presbytery resumed business.

The following committee was appointed to take into consideration the resolutions recorded on page 403 of Minutes of Synod, and suggest some practicable method of carrying them out, viz: L. C. Vass, A. Currie, T. J. Allison and Col. Holt.

A. Currie and Jas. L. Currie obtained leave of absence after 3 o'clock.

The Committee on Overture (marked I) of the General Assembly touching demission of the office of Ruling Elders and Deacons, (Minutes General Assembly, page 20) reported, recommending that the Overture be answered in the affirmative. Adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly.

The report of the Committee on Supplies was adopted, and is as follows:

At Oak Hill, Faucette, A. Currie and J. Currie. 1 Sabbath and 1 week day.
Ashboro' field, Johnston (F. H.), Tidball, Crawford, assisting Evangelist.
Nahalah, S. M. Smith. Summerell assisting Evangelist.
Neuse River, Vass, Darnall, Tidball, assisting Evangelist.
Selma, J. H. Smith, Wilhelm.
Littleton, Burwell, Atkinson, Johnston (L. B.), 1 Sabbath and 1 week day.
Warrenton, Watkins and Johnston.
Spring Wood, Smith (J. H.), and A. Currie.
Alamance, Miller and Dr. Wiley.
Speedwell, Craig at discretion.
Company Shops, Tidball and Dalton.
Graham, A. Currie, at discretion.

Ordered that seventy dollars due Wm. F. Thom for services rendered as missionary be paid to him out of the Wiley Fund.

Calls for the pastoral services of Rev. S. H. Chester from Hawfields and Cross Roads churches were taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies.

The report of the Committee on Reports of Sessions on Sessional Duties made their report, which was received.

The Committee on Calls reported the calls from Hawfields and Cross Roads to be in order. Ordered that they be docketed for consideration at the adjourned meeting at Mebaneville.

The Minutes were then read and approved.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet at Mebaneville on Wednesday before the *fourth* Sabbath in May at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Closed with singing, prayer and the Apostolic benediction.

(Signed) Sam'l M. Smith,
A. C. McAllister,
Temporary Clerks.

Attest:—F. H. Johnston, *Stated Clerk.*

MINUTES

OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING AT MEBANEVILLE.

Mebaneville, N. C., May 21st, 1884. 2 P. M:

The Presbytery met in the Mebaneville church according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by the Moderator, Jas. L. Currie.

Pretent:—Jas. L. Currie and T. J. Allison, *Ministers*; with E. C. Murray, of Cross Roads church, and L. M. Stewart, of Alamance church, *Ruling Elders.*

A quorum not being present, Presbytery adjourned to meet at 8 P.M.

Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

8 o'clock, P. M.

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The following members were present in addition to those above mentioned, viz: W. F. Wilhelm, *Minister*; and T. C. Johnston, of Hawfields, and R. Bingham, Mebaneville, *Ruling Elders.*

T. J. Allison was appointed Temporary Clerk.

Rev. Samuel H. Chester, after the usual examination was received from the Ebenezer Presbytery, Synod of Kentucky.

The text assigned candidate R. B. Willis for his trial sermon was, at his own request, changed from Col. 3c. 3v. to Mark 16c. 15v.

Presbytery then heard the trial sermon of Mr. Willis, which afterwards was sustained as satisfactory part of trial.

The calls from Hawfields and Cross Roads churches were then taken from the docket and placed in the hands of Rev. S. H. Chester.

Mr. Chester then signified his acceptance of these calls, whereupon Wm. F. Wilhelm with T. C. Johnston were appointed a committee to arrange for his installation.

W. F. Wilhelm and R. Bingham were appointed a committee to examine R. B. Willis on his literary course.

Worthville church was permitted to employ Wm. F. Thom as Stated Supply for one-fourth of his time for one year at a salary of $100.

Mr. Samuel S. Oliver, a member of the Madison church, and well recommended by his pastor, Rev. C. Miller, was after due examination received under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry.

A letter from Wm. Cawthorne, colored candidate, was read and the tempory Clerk was directed to answer it.

A report from the Faculty of Union Theological Seminary on the literary standing of the candidates of this Presbytery in that institution was read and received.

The examinatisn of R. B. Willis on Theology was sustained as satisfactory part of trial.

Messrs. Allison and Chester were appointed to examine Mr. Willis on the original languages of the Scriptures, also to examine his Latin thesis, Greek Critical Exercise, and Popular Lecture.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer by W. F. Wilhelm.

SECOND DAY.

Thursday Morning, May 22d.

The Presbytery met at 9 o'clock, and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The committee appointed to examine R. B. Willis on his literary

course reported recommending that his examination be sustained as satisfactory part of trial. The report was received and adopted.

The committee appointed to examine Mr. Willis on the Original Languages of the Scriptures, also his Latin Thesis, Critical Exercise and Popular Lecture reported, recommending that all of them be sustained as satisfactory parts of trial. This report was received and adopted.

The committee appointed to visit Calah Church at the request of the Chairman was reduced from five to three, and consists of J. C. Alexander P. R. Law, Ministers, and Col. J. A. Houston.

The Committee on Installation of Rev. S. H. Chester at Hawfields and Cross Roads churches reported the following arrangement which was adopted:

That Mr. Chester be installed at Hawfields on Saturday before the *fourth* Sabbath in June.

Dr. S. H. Smith to preach and propose the Constitutional questions, T. J. Allison to charge the people and J. C. Alexander the pastor.

That Mr. Chester be installed at Cross Roads on the Saturday before the *fifth* Sabbath in June.

John S. Watkins to preach, preside. &c., Jas. L. Currie to charge the people and W. F. Wilhelm the pastor.

The examination of R. B. Willis on Church History, Church Government and the Sacraments was sustained on each as a satisfactory part of trial.

On motion, the examination of Mr. Willis was sustained as a whole, and he was in due form licensed to preach as a probationer for the Gospel ministry.

L. M. Stewart was excused from this morning's session.

Licentiate R. B. Willis was granted permission to labor without the bounds of the Presbytery until the Fall meeting.

The letter from Wm. Cawthorne, colored candidate, was referred to a committee consisting of Rev. S. L. Wilson and Rev. L. B. Johnston to confer with and advise him in regard to matters contained in it.

The Minutes being read and approved, the Presbytery adjourned to meet in Hillsboro on the 26th day of September next, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

Closed with prayer by S. H. Chester.

(Signed) T. J. Allison, *Clerk.*

Attest:—F. H. Johnston, *Stated Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

A.---Report on the State of Religion forwarded to the General Assembly of 1884.

We have reason as a Presbytery to return thanks to Almighty God for his goodness and mercy to us in granting us a reasonable degree of prosperity, and permitting us to enjoy the means of grace in quietness and peace. Our ministers have been faithful in preaching the Gospel, and harmony prevails among all our churches and people. Nearly all the churches report good attendance on the Sabbath services, and many of them report large increase. We are pained to be compelled to report that there is still considerable neglect of the important duty of Family Worship. According to the direction of Presbytery our ministers have been preaching on the observance of the Sabbath, and we have reason to hope that there is less laxity and indifference than formerly. Many churches, however, continue to report that the day is not observed as it should be. Some of our churches have enjoyed precious seasons of revival, but we have to lament the fact that there have been but very few accessions in a large majority of them. There has been some decline of interest in the Monthly Concert of prayer for Foreign Missions. On the whole, however, a growing interest is manifested in missionary objects and enterprises. The spirit of aggressiveness has been steadily increasing, and the prospects of Church extension brightening. Sunday Schools are maintained wherever practicable and continue an important means of Church growth. Our churches are generally liberal and prompt in contributing to the benevolent causes recommended by the Assembly, and new efforts are made each year to give opportunity to all our people of giving to every object.

ATTEST: F. H. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

B.---Presbyterial Report on Systematic Beneficence.

The Report of the Presbytery of Orange to the General Assembly for the Year ending April, 1884.

OBJECTS.	NUMBER OF CONGREGATIONS CONTRIBUTING.	AMOUNTS
Sustentation	Forty-four	$ 558 72
Evangelistic	Forty-five	626 48
Invalid Fund	Forty-one	278 13
Foreign Missions	Forty-seven	1146 15
Education	Forty-two	289 39
Publication	Forty-one	226 82
Tuscaloosa Institute (colored)	Twenty-six	124 59
Total		$3250 28

25 Congregations have contribnted to all the seven objects of benevolence ordered by the General Assembly; 13 have contributed to six; 5 have contributed to five; 3 have contributed to four; —— have contributed to three; 1 has contributed to two; 1 has contributed to one; 5 have contributed to none.

ATTEST: F. H. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

C.---Presbyterial Report on Sabbath Schools.

Report of the Presbytery of Orange to the General Assembly for the Year ending April 1, 1884.

NAMES OF SCHOOLS.	NO. ON ROLLS.		AV'AGE ATT'N'E.		Scholars admitted to Communion.	CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE SCHOOLS.	
	Teachers.	Scholars.	Teachers.	Scholars.		For their own expenses.	For other purposes.
1. Alamance	6	105	4	49	16	$ 2 90	$ 65
2. Ashboro (Union School)	5	50	4	25		9 00	
3. Bethlehem	4	40	3	25		1 08	32
4. Bethel	12	98	10	75	5	8 00	
5. Buffalo	9	57	6	46	15	7 00	
6. Chapel Hill	5	32	5	25		7 22	8 20
7. Croatan	10	40	8	30			
8. Durham	7	50	5	40		41 57	
9. Graham	12	100	7	45	3	29 62	1 60
10. Greensboro'	24	140	17	91	3	221 00	19 00
11. Hawfields	7	60	7	50		12 00	3 85
12. Henderson	9	42	8	30	4	12 80	
13. High Point	6	60	5	40	4	27 00	2 25
14. Hillsboro'	7	28	5	24	2	9 84	
15. Jamestown (Union)	8	100	6	62	2	5 00	
16. Lexington	16	117	12	70	1	62 00	
17. Littleton	3	16	2	8			
18. Leaksville	6	30	3	15			
19. Madison	5	35	5	25		6 50	9 50
20. Mebaneville	5	100	4	75	3	7 00	
21. Milton	8	48	6	35		11 76	59 18
22. Nahalah	6	100	4	50		5 72	2 00
23. Newbern	13	81	9	44		43 83	79 65
24. New Hope	7	57	5	36	1	3 50	
25. Nutbush	5	30	5	20			
26. Oxford	7	86	6	60	6		15 00
27. Rocky Mount	6	39	6	30		12 00	
28. Red House	8	30	4	20		7 68	2 00
29. Reidsville	14	85	12	60	1	78 00	5 00
30. Raleigh 1st church	19	138	15	80	2	26 61	37 70
31. Raleigh 2d church	5	32	5	20		3 73	
32. Spring Wood	4	25	3	15			
33. Tarboro	10	33	6	23		35 95	24 10
34. Winston	14	100	8	60	8	37 31	3 90
35. Wentworth (Home School)	5	25	4	15	4		
36. " (Stanford S. House)	6	65	5	40	3		
37. Washington	26	125	18	90		34 25	3 00
38. Yanceyville	6	55	5	45			
39. Mt. Vernon (in Summer)							
40. Fairfield (in Summer)							
Totals	335	2454	252	1593	83	$769 67	$ 277 10

REMARKS.—From 65 churches in Presbytery we have 52 reports. Eleven send no report. Fourteen (14) report that they have no schools, because of difficulties, scattered congregations, &c. Schools are under charge of Sessions generally. Some pastors preach at stated times to the children; others only in the general services. The Catechisms are generally taught. The Children's Friend and Earnest Worker we do not think have large circulation. Scriptures are not sufficiently memorized. Bible and International Questions used. No extended religious interest. Collections are not taken up for the seven (7) objects in schools independently. The Newbern church only takes collections systematically for all except Tuscaloosa Institute. Scholars do not attend the services of Church universally. No efforts made among the negroes generally, as they have their own churches. We have the same number of schools as last year. There is some increase in numbers, and the money raised.

Respectfully submitted by order of Presbytery,

Dated April 30, 1884. F. H. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

D.---PRESBYTERIAL REPORT, APRIL 1884.

The Presbytery of Orange reports to the General Assembly that it comprises 33 Ministers, and 65 Churches, and has under its care 3 Licentiates, and 6 Candidates. viz :---

PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	CHURCHES.	Elders.	Deacons.	Added on Examination.	Total Communicants.	Added on Certificate.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	Baptized Non-Communicants.	Teachers in S. S. and Bible Classes.	Scholars in S. S. and Bible Classes.	Sustentation.	Evangelistic.	Invalid Fund.	Foreign Mission.	Education.	Publication.	Tuscaloosa Institute, Colored.	Presbyterial.	Pastor's Salaries Actually Paid.	Congregational.	Miscellaneous.
Jos. M. Atkinson, D. D.	Raleigh, N. C.	Raleigh 2d Church, P	3	1		1	33		5		5	32		5		10				5	300	380	
J. Henry Smith, D. D.	Greensboro, "	Greensboro, P.	7	10	6	19	338	2	12	173	24	140	146	68	22	118	57	19	21	40	1700	843	807
F. H Johnston, D. D.	Winston, "	Winston, P.	7	5	12	7	139	4	3	60	14	100	25	42	18	135	15	10	11	15	900	1696	10
J. C. Alexander	Greensboro, "	Buffalo, P.	5	6	24	1	136	9	5		10	57	8	25	9	16	1	2	3	11	400	52	39
" "	"	Bethel, P.	6	5	9	2	157	4	2				6	25	5	9	1	1		11	331	28	65
L. C. Vass	Newbern, "	Newbern, P.	4		1	2	118		2	75	13	81	52	35	44	105	35	43	5	65	400	338	64
H. T. Damall	Durham, "	Durham, P.	2	4	4	10	72	1			7	50	9	7	9	9	7	6			900	300	10
T. J. Allison	Bingham School, "	Mebaneville, P.	2	1	2		64	1	1	26	5	100	1	25	1	50	1	1	1	12	515	100	
" "	Oaks, "	Bethlehem, P.	5	4	1		66	1	1	25	3	25	2	6	1	6	2	3		5	212	66	6
Jas. L. Currie	Hillsboro, "	Eno, P.	4	5			43																
" "	Caldwell Institute, "	Little River, P.	9	6	26		102	20	1				3	4	3	7	4	2		9		5	
" "	Mc Cray's "	Stony Creek, P.	4	3	4	3	61	2	2				5	6	2	9	3			3	51		
" "	High Towers, "	Grier's, P.	2	1			16																
S. M. Smith	Washington, "	Washington, P.	4	5	1	2	185	1	11	129	26	125	24	45	33	76	23	20	21	20	1000	1263	36
Jno. S. Watkins, D. D.	Raleigh, "	Raleigh 1st Church, P	8	7	4	10	225	4	5	150	19	138	57	105	6	266	33	20	17	39	1600	926	187
J. N. H. Summerell	Tarboro, "	Tarboro, P.	3			1	22		1	24	10	33	16	13	5	33	5	5	2	3	369	101	658
" "	Rocky Mount, "	Rocky Mount, P.	2		1		24			14	6	30	3	2	1	3	2	2	1	1	138	28	87
A. L. Crawford	Lexington, "	Lexington, P.	4	4	3	4	102		1	50	16	117	6	4	12	17		5	3	16	600	170	127
L. B. Johnston	Henderson, "	Henderson, P.	3	3	5	5	65	2	5	33	9	42	4	15	4	4	4	10	7	8	425	730	
" "	Williamsboro, "	Nutbush, P.	4	1		1	37		2	19	5	17	2	10	1	2	1	3	1	5	107	779	43
Wm. F. Wilhelm	Hillsboro, "	Hillsboro, P.	3	2			50				7	28	10	9	14	12	7	3	3	6			
" "	Chapel Hill, "	Chapel Hill, P.	3	2	2		27				5	32	5	5	9	45	4	6	3	4	287	29	149
S. H. Chester	Mebaneville, "	Hawfields, P. E.	4	5	3		187				7	60	2		2	2	2	2			45	185	25
" "	"	Cross Roads, P. E.	10	5			145		2	25													
PASTORS AND STATED SUPPLIES.																							
P. H. Dalton	High Point, "	High Point, P.	5	4	6	4	44	2	1	41	6	60	5	5	2	8	3	2		4	175	20	3
" "	University Station, "	New Hope, P.	8	4	1	1	96		5	30	8	56	4	6	3	4	3	3		6	200	15	2
" "	Jamestown, "	Jamestown, S. S.	2	1	2		14	2			8	100	3	3	1	1	2	1		2	77	4	5
" "	Yanceyville, "	Yanceyville, S. S.	4		2		15		2	12	7	60									90	11	9
J. W. Primrose	Oxford, "	Oxford, P.	5	3	10	3	65	2	1	37	7	86	8	12	7	26	3	4	2	10	450	92	10
" "	Sassafras Fork, "	Grassy Creek, P	3	1			25		4	8			1	1	1	1				1	132	25	3
" "	"	Stella, P.	3	1	4	2	30	2	2	28										4	168		4
" "	Tally Ho, "	Geneva, S. S.	5	2	6	1	46	4	4	14			1	5	1	2	1	1	1	3	175	6	38
D. I. Craig	Reidsville, "	Reidsville, P.	2	2	1	7	4	1	1	15	14	85	9	12	8	12	10	5	3	6	350	320	50
" "	Rufin, "	Oak Forest, P.	2	2	1	2	16	1		11			1	4	2	3	2	1		2	100	9	
" "	Ashland, "	Bethesda, S. S.	3	1	6	2	36	3					1	4		2	2			2	111	7	
C. Miller	Madison, "	Madison, S. S.	5	5	8	1	109	7	8	27	6	35	10	12	7	29	10	5	3	8	252	107	
" "	Wentworth, "	Wentworth, S. S.	3	1	14	2	59	9	1	11	11	75	3	4	2	5	2	1	2	1	185	27	
" "	Leaksville, "	Leaksville, S. S.	3	1			30			10	5	30	2	5	3	12		6	5	2	4	170	20	
T. U. Faucette	Milton, "	Milton, S. S.	6	4	4	1	93		1		8	48	9	20	3	6	3	6		10	600	170	127
" "	"	Red House, S. S.	3	3	1		40	1	1	13	8	30	12	9	11	6	3	2		4	130	200	14
A. Currie	Hillsboro, "	Fairfield, S. S.	4	3	2	3	35	2	1	30			1	5	1	2	2	2		2	85	1	
Robt. Burwell, D. D.	Raleigh, "	Oakland, S. S.	2				12			19			2	3		2	2	2		2	60		
EVANGELISTS.																							
P. R. Law	Pittsboro, "	Pittsboro, S. S.	3	2			22			7			2	8	5	7	1		1	4	100	10	6
" "	Lockville, "	Haywood, S. S.	2	2			28																
" "	Gulf, "	Gulf, S. S.	1	1			11			4	3	5	1	3	1	1	1	1		2	100	543	10
S. L. Wilson	Littleton, "	Littleton, S. S.	1		1		16		1	15	3	16		3		2				2			
" "	Scotland Neck, "	Nahalah, S. S.	2		5	1	81	5	4	14	5	100		4						4	200		10
Wm. F Thom	Mt. Vernon Spring, "	Mt. Vernon, S. S.	2	2	1		22	1	2	10			1	5	1	2	1	2		2	75		81
" "	Ashboro, "	Ashboro, S. S.	2	1			30			5	5	50		5		3	1	1		2	75	42	
" "	Forest's Hills, "	Calah, S. S.	1	1			13							1						1			
" "	Worthville, "	Worthville, S. S.	2	1	4	9	18	2	1														
S. H. Isler	Goldsboro, "	Croatan, S. S.	3	2	1		10		4		10	40									75	300	
" "	Lagrange, "	Lagrange, S. S.	2		3	6	9	2					1	1							75	8	
		VACANCIES.																					
		Gilmer's Store, "																					
		Graham, "	6	6	29		210	7	13	80	6	105	7	25	6	16	1	2	3	11	158	80	
		Company Shops, "	5	4		1	125	2	5	74	12	100	13		16	31		5	2	20	660	50	117
		Gibsonville, "	2	1	8		46	7	3	10	7	31	67	8	9	12	6			3	100		
		Mt. Airy, "	4	3			68			28	4	25											
		Oak Hill, "	3				16																
			2				17			10				2		3	5	1					
		NO SESSION.																					
		Oregon					17																
		Speedwell					10																
		Louisburg					8																
		Horeb					6																
		Elkin					4																
		Warrenton																					
WITHOUT CHARGE.																							
Geo. W. Ferrill, (infirm.)	Tally Ho, N. C.																						
Drury Lacy, D. D., (infirm.)	Jonesboro, "																						
C. N. Morrow	Hawthorne, Fla.																						
Chas. Phillips, D. D.	Chapel Hill, N. C.																						
C. H. Wiley, D. D., Agt. A. B. S.	Winston, "																						
Wm. T. Tidball	Greensboro, "																						
IN TRANSITU.																							
Jas. L. Williamson	Concord, "																						
—33.		—65.																					
LICENTIATES.																							
B. B. Palmer, (C.)	Milton, "																						
R. E. Caldwell	Vicksburg, Miss.																						
R. B. Willis	Danville, Va.																						
—3.																							
CANDIDATES, 6.		Totals	221	149	233	115	4083	113	127	1369	334	2334	$550	$631	$282	$1110	$280	$217	$118	$399	$16109	$10066	$2925

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON, Stated Clerk.

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MINUTES.

Hillsboro', N. C., September 26, 1884.
Friday, 8 p. m.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment, and after a sermon by Jas. L. Currie, Moderator, from Mark, 11c., 22v., "And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God," was contistuted with prayer.

ROLL OF MEMBERS PRESENT.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
A. Currie,	Duncan Brown (2),	Fairfield.
T. U. Faucette,	John Wilson (2),	Milton.
	W. W. Taylor (2),	Red House.
J. M. Atkinson, D. D.,	P. P. Peace,	Raleigh 2d.
P. H. Dalton,	T. H. Patton,	High Point.
	Jno. T. Hogan,	New Hope.
	J. M. Wharton,	Jamestown.
	R. P. Dick,	Greensboro.
F. H. Johnston, D. D.,		
J. C. Alexander (2),	G. A. Denny,	Buffalo.
	Robt. Wilson,	Bethel.
C. Phillips, D. D. (3),		
J. W. Primrose,	J. H. Webb,	Geneva.
H. T. Darnall,		
T. J. Allison,	R. Bingham (3),	Mebanville.
	Mitchell Smith,	Bethlehem.
J. L. Currie,	N. D. Bain,	Eno.
	D. S. Allison,	Little River.
P. R. Law,		
J. S. Watkins, D. D.,		
D. I. Craig,	Jas. Irvin,	Reidsville.
S. L. Wilson (3),	R. A. Patterson,	Littleton.
	L. R. Land,	Nahalah.
Wm. F. Thom,		
A. L. Crawford,		
L. B. Johnston,	Sam'l Watkins (3),	Henderson.
Wm. F. Wilhelm,	T. M. Kirkland,	Chapel Hil.
S. H. Chester,	Jas. P. Kerr,	Hawfields.
	J. A. Crawford,	Cross Roads.
	Jas. H. Holt,	Graham.
	L. M. Stewart,	Alamance,
—20.	—24.	

MINISTERS ABSENT.

R. Burwell, D. D., Geo. Ferrill, J. H. Smith, D. D., C. N. Morrow, C. H. Wiley, D.D., W. B. Tidball, L. C. Vass, C. Miller, S. M. Smith, J. N. H. Summerell, and S. H. Isler.—11.

FORTY-ONE churches were not represented.

Rev. SAMUEL H. CHESTER was elected Moderator, and Rev. L. B. JOHNSTON with Mr. N. D. BAIN temporary clerks.

Presbytery adjourned till to-morrow at 9 A. M. Closed with prayer by T. J. Allison.

SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY, September 27. 9 A. M.

The Presbytery met and was opened with prayer by Dr. Atkinson.

The Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved; and the reading of the Minutes of last Stated meeting was, on motion, dispensed with.

On motion, the Minutes of the last meeting were corrected by erasing the name of the Mebaneville church from the list of delinquent churches on Systematic Beneficence.

C. H. Wiley, D. D., was excused for absence from last meeting; he was also excused for absence from the present meeting, together with J. H. Smith, D. D., S. M. Smith, and S. H. Isler.

The Moderator announced the following Committees:—

1. *Minutes of the General Assembly.*
   Jno. S. Watkins, D. D., T. J. Allison, J. P. Kerr.
2. *Devotional Exercises.*
   Wm. F. Wilhelm.
3. *Installations.*
   J. M. Atkinson, D. D., J. W. Primrose, L. M. Stewart.
4. *Calls and Supplies.*
   J. C. Alexander, chairman ex officio, H. T. Darnall, D. I. Craig, G. A. Denny.

A call from the Alamance church for the pastoral services of C. Miller for half his time on a salary of $500 was presented, read, and referred, under the rules to the Committee on Calls and Supplies. A similar disposal was made of an application from the same church for the services of A. Currie as Stated Supply for three months.

Reports from churches delinquent in the matters of Pastor's salary, Presbyterial Evangelistic Fund and Presbyterial Fund were heard.

On motion, ordered that the Presbyterial Sermon be heard next Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

The responses of the churches of Milton, Red House, and Madison to a previous citation of the Presbytery to show cause why they did not

enter the pastoral relation were read, and referred to a special committee, consisting of A. Currie, A. L. Crawford and P. P. Peace to report to this meeting.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made a report which was approved.

The Presbytery then engaged in devotional exercises according to standing rule, at the conclusion of which recess was taken for public worship.

AFTER RECESS

The Rev. W. L. Wright, of the Baptist Church, was invited to sit as a visiting brother, and introduced to the Presbytery.

Duncan Brown, of Fairfield church, was excused for tardiness and enrolled.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made a report which was adopted.

A communication from the Secretaries of the Assembly's Committee on Foreign Missions was read, and it was made the order of the day for Monday evening after public service to consider the subject of Foreign Missions.

A communication from Rev. E. M. Richardson, D. D., Assembly's Secretary of Education was read and referred to a special committee, consisting of Messrs. Primrose, Atkinson and J. A. Crawford.

The Session of the Littleton church was directed to alter its record touching a case of discipline, the record being at fault.

Mitchell Smith, Bethlehem; Dr. Jno. Wilson, Milton; and W. W. Taylor, Red House; were excused for tardiness and enrolled.

H. T. Darnall, Agent for Publication and Colportage, read his report which was received and ordered to be filed; and the Agent was instructed to continue his efforts to secure a colporteur.

A report from the Trustees of Davidson College was received, read, and placed on file.

A report from Mr. R. B. Willis, licentiate, was read and received, and he was granted leave to labor out of the bounds of Presbytery until the next meeting.

A report from Mr. B. B. Palmer, licentiate, was also read and accepted.

A report from the committee to confer with and advise coloured candidate Cawthorne was read and referred to the Presbytery's committee on Oversight of Candidates.

Leave of absence was granted after to-day's session to R. P. Dick, T. M. Kirkland, and J. H. Patton.

Jas. C. Alexander appeared, and was enrolled after rendering excuse for tardiness.

Recess was taken until 3 P. M.

AFTER RECESS

Jno. T. Hogan, from New Hope church, was granted leave of absence.

Wm. F. Thom appeared, and was enrolled after giving reasons for tardiness.

The Committee to verify the Copied Records reported progress and was continued.

The committee appointed to install Rev. Wm. F. Wilhelm pastor of the Hillsboro' and Chapel Hill churches, and the Rev. S. H. Chester pastor of the Hawfields and Cross Roads churches, reported the duty performed.

Jas. H. Holt and F. H. Johnston, D. D., obtained leave of absence after to-day's session.

J. C. Alexander was appointed Treasurer *pro tem.*

The application of Alamance church for the services of A. Currie as Stated Supply was granted.

Tha Committee on Calls and Supplies reported the call of Alamance church for the services of Rev. C. Miller, as pastor, to be in order, and a motion to place said call in Mr. Miller's hands was docketed.

It was resolved, that when the Presbytery adjourns, it will adjourn to meet in Winston, during the Synod, at the call of the Moderator.

Calls from the churches of Hickory and Lenoir in Concord Presbytery for the pastoral services of Rev. D. I. Craig, being presented by duly authorized commissioners from said churches, were read and found in order; and, after hearing the said commissioners and the commissioners present from the Reidsville church, Mr. Craig's pastoral charge, the following resolution was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the commissioners present from the Hickory and Lenoir churches in Concord Presbytery, are hereby affectionately advised to desist from farther prosecution of their call for the pastoral services of Rev. D. I. Craig.

Leave of absence was granted to Ruling Elders Stewart, Wharton, Crawford, Irvin, Kerr, and Webb after this day's session.

Adjourned with prayer until 9 o'clock, Monday morning.

THIRD DAY.

MONDAY, September 29. 9 A. M.

Presbytery met, T. J. Allison in the chair. Opened with prayer.

Ten o'clock to-day was appointed as the hour for hearing the report of the Agent of Home Missions.

Messrs. Miller and Alexander, commissioners to the General Assembly, made a report of their attendance, which was received and their diligence therein commended.

C. Miller presented by letter an excuse for his absence from the present meeting, which was sustained, and Samuel Watkins, of Henderson, excused for tardiness and enrolled.

Reports were heard from the various Missionary Supplies appointed at the last meeting.

The commission appointed to visit Calah church made a report and was continued.

Henderson was chosen as the place of the next Stated meeting of the Presbytery.

The Agent of Home Missions made his report which was received, and was followed by the Evangelists Messrs. Law, Thom, Dalton, with reports of their labors, which were also received. A report from Mr. Isler, of the Neuse River field, was also read and accepted.

Rev. Mr. Gay, of the Meth. E. Church, was invited to sit as a visiting brother, and introduced to the Presbytery.

Certain resolutions offered by the Agent of Home Missions in connexion with his report, were, on motion, referred to a special committee, consisting of Messrs. Alexander, Darnall, Craig and J. H. Lindsay to report at the next meeting.

Robt. Bingham, of the Mebaneville church, was enrolled after satisfactory excuse for tardiness.

It was Resolved that the Agent of Home Missions be directed to certify the churches included in the pastorate of Revs. L. B. Johnston and J. W. Primrose that changes are contemplated in the arrangement of their fields; to inform them of the changes, and ask them to meet Presbytery at an adjourned meeting to be held in Raleigh.

Recess was taken until 3 P. M.

AFTER RECESS.

T. J. Allison and P. H. Dalton with Elders George Denny, R. Wilson and Samuel Watkins were excused from attendance after this evening's session.

It was Resolved that when Presbytery adjourns at Winston, it will adjourn to meet in the First church, Raleigh, on the *second* Wednesday in November at 8 P. M.

Mr. Wm. S. Primrose, of Raleigh, was unanimously elected a Trustee of Davidson College *vice* Dr. M. T. Savage, whose term expires with this meeting.

The committee appointed to report on the paper of P. R. Law, presented a report which was amended, and adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee to whom was referred at the last Stated meeting a paper of Rev. P. R. Law, looking to a plan of general evangelization within the bounds of the Presbytery, would report, That while in the estimation of the committee no subject is of more practical importance, or should receive a larger share of the attention of the Presbytery; and while it is a matter of importance that the Presbytery adopt some plan for the accomplishment of the purposes contemplated in that paper, yet after consideration of the difficulties in arranging the details of this work,

we would recommend in lieu of the plan proposed, the following, viz:

1st. There shall be the appointment by the Presbytery of a standing committee, to which shall be referred the appointment of brethren as hereafter to be determined.

2d. That by authority of Presbytery, all its ministers shall be appointed to spend two weeks in continued preaching out of their own charge, so that a protracted meeting of not less than one week, if the way be clear, shall be held in each church in concert with the minister in charge thereof.

3rd. That Presbytery shall, through its standing committee, allot this labor at each Spring meeting, so as to assign two ministers in each protracted meeting, and shall statedly enquire of their fulfilment of this duty.

Respectfully submitted,

H. T. DARNALL, *Chairman.*

Messrs. Darnall, Craig and Mr. George Allen were appointed a committee to perfect the above plan.

Fifty Dollars were appropriated to the Yanceyville field for the six months beginning the 1st of December.

A. L. Crawford and Dr. Patterson obtained leave of absence.

A. Currie presented a report from the special committee on Sabbath School Work, which was amended and adopted, and is as follows:

The committee appointed to consider the recommendations of Synod as recorded on page 403, Minutes of 1883, report as follows:

Your committee believe the Sabbath School to be one of the prime agencies of the Church, and in its work and influence for good, second only to the appointed work of the ministry.

1. Because it tends directly to increase the general Christian intelligence of the church and is an efficient means of disseminating scriptural knowledge among the class of our population that is not reached so directly by the preaching of the Word.

2. We consider the working in the Sunday School, one of the most successful methods of training the rising generation for activity in the Church such an agency as the Church needs in order to its more complete efficiency and progress.

3. We believe that the Sabbath School is an essential in our times to the maintenance of the influence of the Church in moulding the character of those who will come after us, and that any church that ignores this instrumentality will and must lose to a great extent its influence inasmuch as public sentiment favors and to a large extent demands the Sabbath School work, therefore,

Resolved, 1. That the Presbytery be divided into two sections by a line running between the counties of Person and Granville, Durham and Orange, Chatham and Wake.

2. That Presbytery recommend that the Sabbath Schools in each section hold annually a Sabbath School Convention, to which all Sunday Schools within their bounds are requested to send their delegates.

3. That there shall be a Committee of Arrangements appointed by the Presbytery for each section, whose business it shall be to arrange a program for the exercises of such Convention with a view to enlarge, systematize, and stimulate the Sabbath School work.

The committee, as above provided, for the Eastern District is Rev. Messrs. Watkins and Vass, and Geo. Allen; and for the Western District, Rev. Messrs. Allison, J. L. Currie and Maj. Robt. Bingham.

The special committee on the replies of certain churches in regard to the pastoral relation made the following report which was received and adopted:

The committee to which were referred the communications from Madison, Milton, and Red House churches touching the pastoral relation report,

After considering the import of said letters they find no certainty that the churches of Madison and Red House are opposed to having the pastoral relation formed between themselves and their Stated Supplies, and therefore need only to be advised as to what the Presbytery requires, and encouraged to comply with the same.

As to the Milton church, your committee are of the opinion that the attitude which is assumed is not in accordance with the teachings of our church, and your committee are of opinion that if the church had its attention called to the advantages and disadvantages of the two schemes they would yield.

A. Currie was appointed to write the letter indicated above.

J. C. Alexander obtained leave of absence.

Recess was then taken until 8 P. M.

AFTER RECESS,

The Presbyterial Sermon was preached by Jno. W. Primrose, from Acts, 14c., 23v., on the "Nature, Warrant and Function of the Ruling Elder."

After this service, Presbytery heard the report of the Agent of Foreign Missions, which was received, and after discussion referred to a committee to report at the adjourned meeting at Synod, a scheme of apportionment among the churches of the Presbytery of its quota of the Hundred Thousand Dollars needed for the cause.

H. T. Darnall was appointed to preach the next semi-annual sermon on the "Necessity of the Gospel for the salvation of the Heathen."

The following vote of thanks was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of Orange Presbytery are hereby returned to the people of Hillsboro' for their generous hospitality during its sessions, and the authorities of the Methodist and Baptist churches for the ecclesiastical courtesy of tendering the use of their houses of worship, and to those railroad authorities that gave a reduction of fare, and that the pastor be requested to read this resolution from the pulpit of the Hillsboro' church at the next stated service, and a copy of it be furnished to the Orange county paper for publication.

S. L. Wilson appeared and was enrolled after excuse rendered for late attendance.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That Presbytery approve the diligence shown by the Rev. J. W. Primrose in executing its commission to prepare and deliver a discourse on the office of the Ruling Elder.

Jas. L. Currie obtained leave of absence after to-night.

Adjourned with prayer by Dr. Watkins until 9 A. M. to-morrow.

FOURTH DAY.

TUESDAY, September 30. 9 A. M.

Presbytery met, and was opened with prayer. D. I. Craig in the chair.

The reading of yesterday's Minutes was, on motion, omitted.

S. L. Wilson, evangelist, made a report, which after hearing a statement from Mr. Land, the representative from Nahalah church, was referred to the Committee of Home Missions for action at the adjourned meeting at Synod: Mr. Wilson being requested also to send a statement to the Agent of Home Missions of his views of his field, and any suggestions for its supply that may commend themselves to his mind.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly made a report which was received.

Resolution No. 1 of that report (Overture of Assembly touching amendment of Conf. of Faith,) was docketed for the Spring meeting. Resolution No. 2 was adopted, and is as follows:

Orange Presbytery concurs in the Assembly's view that Sec. 6, chap. 5, Form of Government be amended by the addition of these words "and with the consent of two-thirds of all the Presbyteries under its care to form union with other bodies of like faith and order," the addition to be inserted after the word "respectively," par. 5.

And the Presbptery advises that this be made the law of the Church.

S. L. Wilson asked leave to labor out of the bounds of the Presbytery. This request was docketed for the adjourned meeting.

Wednesday, the 25th of March, 1885, at 8 P. M., was chosen as the time of the next Stated Meeting.

The session of Geneva church, on motion, was authorized to receive any surviving members of Horeb church, if the way be clear.

The Minutes were read and approved.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Winston, during the sittings of the Synod, at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with singing, prayer, and the apostolic benediction.

Signed. L. B. JOHNSTON, } *Temporary*
N. D. BAIN, } *Clerks.*

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

MINUTES

OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING AT WINSTON.

WINSTON, N. C., October 1, 1884.

The Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator immediately after the adjournment of the Synod Wednesday evening, and was opened with prayer.

(The names of the Ministers and Elders present were not taken down by the tem. clerk, and so are omitted in the Record.—STATED CLERK.)

On motion, the call from Alamance church was taken from the docket, and ordered to be placed in the hands of C. Miller.

Messrs. S. M. Smith and H. T. Darnall were appointed a committee to prepare a minute on the death of Rev. Drury Lacy, D. D., and report at this meeting.

Messrs. Allison and Crawford were appointed a committee to bring in a minute commending Rev. S. T. Martin and his Agency for Union Theological Seminary to the churches within our bounds.

Adjourned, with prayer, till to-morrow during the P. M. recess of the Synod.

October 2, 1884.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

The following appointments of Missionary Supplies were made:

Oak Hill,—Faucette, A. Currie, J. Currie,	1 Sabbath and 1 week day.	
Warrenton,—L. Johnston, Watkins, Wilson,	do	do
Littleton,—L. Johnston, Burwell, Atkinson,	do	do
Mt. Airy,—F. Johnston, Wiley, Miller,	do	do
Selma,—J. Smith, Wilhelm,	do	do

Ashboro' Field,—F. Johnston, J. Smith, Crawford, Dalton, one week each assisting evangelist.

Nahalah Field.—S. Smith, Summerell, Primrose, one week each assisting evangelist.

Neuse River Field,—Vass, Darnall, Watkins, one week each assisting evangelist.

Chatham Field,—Allison, Chester, Darnall, one week each assisting evangelist.

Graham,—A Currie, at discretion.

Speedwell,—Craig, do

The following was adopted:

Whereas, the Directors of Union Theological Seminary have determined to establish the Chair of English Biblical Study and Pastoral Theology in that Institution, and desire to raise for that purpose not less than Fifty Thousand Dollars, therefore

Resolved, That we commend to all the churches of Orange Presbytery the Seminary Agent, Rev. S. T. Martin, whenever he shall address them on the subject, and we urge upon them the great importance of establishing this Chair.

The Committee to prepare a minute on the death of Rev. D. Lacy, D. D., a venerable member of this Presbytery, reported the following which was unanimously adopted:

IN MEMORIAM.

On August 1, 1884, Rev. Drury Lacy, D. D., in the 82d year of his age entered into the rest which remaineth for the people of God.

After a long life of activity in responsible positions he was granted in the congenial home of his son, a period of quiet and happy waiting for

the summons, which though coming suddenly, yet came so gently as to leave on his face a prophecy of the everlasting peace to which it welcomed him. "So he bringeth them into their desired haven." The Presbytery of Orange desires to put on record its appreciation of him as a man and as a preacher, of his gifts and his graces; to thank God for the example he has given us of consecration to the master, of enthusiastic zeal in Church work, and of lively and intelligent interest in all questions of concern to the Kingdom of God—an interest preserved unabated to the last.

The Presbytery also hereby expresses its sense of personal bereavement in his death, and tenders its prayers and its sympathy to those most nearly affected. "But when the fruit is *ripe*, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come."

Resolved, That a copy of this paper be sent by the Stated Clerk to the family of the deceased, and offered for publication in the *North Carolina Presbyterian*, the *Central Presbyterian* and the *Christian Observer*.

Presbytery adjourned, with prayer, to meet at the call of the Moderator to-morrow.

October 3, 1884.

The Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator, and was opened with prayer.

On motion, it was resolved to increase the appropriation to the Nahalah field by adding fifty dollars for six months to the sum now given.

On motion, it was resolved that the Special Committee on Foreign Missions be instructed to report to the next Stated Meeting, a scheme of apportionment among the churches of the Presbytery of the definite amount desired to be raised in this Presbytery for Foreign Missions.

S. L. Wilson was elected Evangelist in the Nahalah Field for the next six months.

Presbytery adjourned, with prayer, to meet in the Raleigh 1st church on Wednesday, 12th of November, 1884, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

L. B. JOHNSTON, *Clerk*.

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk*.

MINUTES

OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING AT RALEIGH.

RALEIGH, N. C., November 12, 1884.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment at 8 o'clock, P. M., and after a sermon by J. Henry Smith, D. D., on Isaiah 32: 15–18, was constituted with prayer by P. R. LAW, last Moderator present.

The following members were present:

MINISTERS:—J. W. Primrose, L. B. Johnston, P. R. Law, R. Burwell, D. D., J. H. Smith, D. D., J. S. Watkins, D. D., and J. M. Atkinson, D. D.

RULING ELDERS:—Walter Bullock, of Nutbush; Samuel Watkins, of Henderson; Jno. H. Webb, of Geneva; J. B. Burwell, of Raleigh 1st church.

On motion, Licentiate R. E. Caldwell was transferred to the care of the Presbytery of Louisville, and the temporary clerk directed to prepare and forward his certificate of dismission.

A certificate of dismission transferring Mr. R. P. Pell from the Presbytery of Harmony to this Presbytery was read and, on motion, Mr. Pell was received and taken under the care of the Presbytery as a candidate for licensure, and his examination was made the first order of the day for to-morrow morning.

L. B. Johnston tendered his resignation of the pastoral charge of Henderson and Nutbush churches. After hearing Mr. Johnston's reasons for this request, and the Commissioners present from his charge (it being certified that due notice had been given to the churches, and all proper steps taken by them) his request was granted, and his pastoral relation to the churches of Nutbush and Henderson dissolved.

Dr. Watkins was appointed to declare the Henderson church vacant on the *second* Sunday in December, and Mr. Johnston was directed to declare the Nutbush church vacant on the *third* Sunday in November.

On motion, the action of Presbytery at its last meeting assigning work to Dr. Smith at Ashboro' was reconsidered and he was directed to substitute Henderson instead, and to preach there at discretion.

On motion it was ordered that L. B. Johnston be dismissed to the Presbytery of Lexington.

Mr. Samuel Watkins was excused from further attendance after this evening.

Presbytery then adjourned, with prayer by Dr. Burwell, to 9:30 A.M., to-morrow.

THURSDAY, November 13. 9:30 A. M.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

On motion, the following parts of trial were assigned to Mr. Pell, viz: Critical Exegesis, II Cor. 5 c. vv. 1, 2; Latin Thesis, De Spiritus Sancti personalitate: Popular Lecture, I Cor. 8 c; Sermon, I Tim. 1 c. 15 v.

The Presbytery then took up the order of the day, and proceeded to examine the candidate for licensure on Geography (Ancient). At this point, on motion, the examination on other subjects was suspended in order to examine him first on Theology.

During this examination Rev. F. L. Reid, of the Meth. E. Church, was invited to sit as a visiting brother, and introduced to the Presbytery.

Mr. Pell's examination on Theology was sustained as a satisfactory part of trial.

He was then examined successively on Church History, Church Government, Sacraments, Latin and Greek, and the several examinations on these subjects sustained as satisfactory.

The Thesis and Critical Exercise of the candidate were referred to Dr. Watkins as a committee, for private examination and report.

Dr. Smith was excused from attendance after this morning's session.

Elders Bullock and Webb were excused from attendance after this afternoon's session.

Presbytery took recess till 3 P. M.

AFTER RECESS

Dr. Watkins reported that he had examined the Latin Thesis and Critical Exercise of Mr. Pell, and found them accurate and well-written, and recommended that they be sustained as part of trial.

This report was adopted.

Mr. Pell was then examined on Logic, Mathematics, Chemistry, Geology, Astronomy, Mental and Moral Philosophy, &c., on all which his answers were sustained as satisfactory.

Mr. Pell then read a part of his Popular Lecture which was also sustained.

On motion of Mr. Bullock, the re-grouping of the churches in Vance and Granville counties was postponed to the Spring Meeting, and these churches were urged to attend that meeting prepared to complete these arrangements.

Recess taken to 7:30 P. M.

AFTER RECESS

The Presbytery met and heard Mr. Pell's sermon, after which, on motion, the calling of the roll for criticisms was dispensed with.

On motion, it was resolved that this and all the parts of trial of the candidate be sustained as satisfactory parts of trial for licensure.

Mr. Pell having sustained satisfactory examinations on all the subjects required by the Book except the Hebrew language, he was excused from that examination inasmuch as he desired to engage in missionary work until the Seminary Session opens, when he expects to attend as a student,—the Book making provision for such extraordinary cases.

The candidate was then formally, after the manner prescribed in the Book, licensed to preach the Gospel as a probationer for the holy ministry.

The Minutes were then read and approved.

No further business appearing, Presbytery adjourned to meet at Henderson, on Wednesday, 25th March, 1885, at 8 P. M.

Closed with prayer and the apostolic benediction.

L. B. JOHNSTON, *Clerk.*

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

DOCKET

OF THE

TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH SESSION,

APPOINTED TO BE HELD AT HENDERSON, N. C.,

25 March, 1885.

1. Constitute with prayer.
2. Call the Roll.
3. Elect Moderator and Clerks.
4. Read Minutes of last meeting.
5. Hear excuses of absentees.
   [The following members were absent from last meeting, viz: Burwell, Morrow, Tidball, Vass and Summerell.]
6. Appoint following Committees:
   1. Narrative to General Assembly and Synod.
   2. Systematic Beneficence. *Man'l R.* 16 (3).
   3. Reports of Sessions on Sessional Duties.
   4. Sessional Records. *Four Committees.*
   5. Treasurer's Account.
   6. Minutes of Synod.
   7. Devotional Exercises.
   8. Installations.
   9. Calls and Supplies. *P.* 45 *Print. Min.*
7. Are there any *new* candidates to be examined?
8. Are there any candidates to be examined?
9. Appoint an Elder on each of the Examining Committees.
10. Are there any calls or dismissions?
11. Reports of Sessions called for.
    1. State of Religion. *Read and Referred.*
    2. Systematic Beneficence. *Referred.*
    3. Sessional Duties. *Referred.*
    4. Sabbath Schools. *Referred.*
12. Reports of Permanent Committees, Agents, &c.
    1. Executive Committee of Education. Dr. Smith, Chairman.
    2. Home Missions. Alexander.
    3. Evangelists. Law, Wilson, Thom, Isler.
    4. Sabbath Schools. Vass.
    5. Treasurer. J. H. Lindsay.
    6. Trustees of Presbytery. Lindsay, Chairman.
    7. Committee on Assessments. Alexander.
13. Reports of Licentiates. Palmer, Willis and Pell.
14. Reports of Missionary Supplies. *Print. Min. page* 119.
15. Reports of Special Committees.
    1. To verify Copied Records. Darnall.
    2. Commissioner to Calah church. Alexander.
    3. Resolution of L. C. Vass. Vass. (*See Print. Min. pp* 77–102.)
    4. Resolutions submitted by Agent of Home Missions. Alexander.

5. To perfect plan for Protracted Meetings. Darnall.
6. Programme for Sunday School Conventions. Allison and Watkins.
7. To report an apportionment among the churches of the money to be raised for Foreign Missions.

16. Appoint time for hearing Presbyterial sermon by H. T. Darnall.
17. Were Henderson and Nutbush churches declared vacant? Watkins.
18. Re-grouping of churches in Vance and Gaanville counties postponed to this meeting.
19. Report of Committee on Min. of G. A. respecting amendment of Chapter 24 of Conf. of Faith, docketed for this meeting.
20. Nominate Commissioners to the General Assembly.
21. Elect Commissioners to the General Assembly.
22. Does C. Miller accept call from Alamance church?
23. Appoint time and place of next meeting.
24. Any Historical Sketches to be reported?
25. Read the Minutes.
26. Close with Singing, Prayer and the Benediction.

STANDING ORDERS.

1. Devotional Exercises at 10 A. M. of *second* day.
2. Home Missions *third* day at 10 A. M.

For daily order of business refer to Manual, page 37, 22d Parliamentary Rule.

N. B.—The General Assembly meets in Houston, Texas, the *third* Thursday (21st) in May, 1885, at 11 A. M.

ROLL OF THE PRESBYTERY'S CANDIDATES.

1. Wm. Cawthorne, Received June, 1881.
2. J. E. Mebane, " April, 1883.
3. W. J. Tidball, " May, "
4. E. W. Smith, " Aug. "
5. J. A. Wharton, " " "
6. S. S. Oliver, " May, 1884.

MINUTES

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MINUTES.

HENDERSON, N. C., March 25, 1885.
Wednesday, 8 P. M.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer, by Rev. S. H. CHESTER, Moderator, who then preached a sermon from John 1c: 12—13vs.

ROLL OF MEMBERS PRESENT.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*	*Churches.*
Arch'd Currie.		
T. U. Faucette.	Thos. Stamps.	Milton.
J. M. Atkinson, D.D. (2)	P. P. Peace.	Raleigh 2d ch.
P. H. Dalton.		
J. H. Smith, D.D., (2).	J. H. Lindsay, (2).	Greensboro.
F. H. Johnston, D. D.	H. D. Lott.	Winston.
J. C. Alexander,	T. B. Donnell.	Buffalo.
L. C. Vass, (2).	Geo. Allen, (2).	Newbern.
H. T. Darnall, (2).		
Cornelius Miller, (2).		
T. J. Allison.		
S. M. Smith, (3).	C. M. Brown, (2).	Washington.
J. S. Watkins, D. D.	J. B. Burwell, (2).	Raleigh 1st ch.
D. I. Craig, (2).	J. T. Denny, (2).	Reidsville.
S. L. Wilson.	M. T. Savage.	Nahalah.
Wm. F. Thom, (2).		
J. N. H. Summerell.	O. Williams.	Tarboro.
S. H. Isler.		
W. F. Wilhelm, (2).		
S. H. Chester.	S. A. White, (2).	Hawfields.
—20.	T. B. Venable, (2).	Oxford.
	L. E. Amis, (2).	Shiloh.
	J. R. Young.	Henderson.
	R. A. Bullock.	Nutbush.
	J. A. Womack, (2).	Pittsboro.
	R. A. Patterson, (4).	Littleton.
	N. B. Daniel.	Oak Hill.
	—20.	

MINISTERS ABSENT.

R. Burwell, D. D., Geo. W. Ferrill, C. N. Morrow, C. Phillips, D. D., C. H. Wiley, D. D., W. B. Tidball, Jas. L. Currie, and A. L. Crawford.

Forty-Five churches were not represented.

Rev. Sam'l L. Wilson was elected Moderator, and Rev. J. N. H. Summerell and Mr. Thomas Stamps were chosen Temporary Clerks.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

SECOND DAY.

Thursday, March 26, 9 A. M.

The Presbytery met and was opened with prayer.

The following members were enrolled after they had rendered satisfactory excuses for tardiness: J. M. Atkinson, D. D., J. H. Smith, D. D., L, C. Vass, H. T. Darnall, C. Miller, D. I, Craig, W. F. Thom, W. F. Wilhelm, *Ministers:* J. H. Lindsay, George Allen, C. M. Brown, J. B. Burwell, John T. Denny, S. A. White, T. B. Venable, L. E. Amis, J. A. Womack, *Ruling Elders.*

Rev. M. McDuffie, of the Baptist Church, was introduced to the Presbytery, and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Rev. Alex. Sprunt, of the Presbytery of Lexington, was also introduced, and invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The reading of the Minutes of the last Stated Meeting, and of the Adjourned Meetings in Winston and Raleigh, was, on motion, dispensed with. The proceedings of the *pro re nata* meetings held in Raleigh in December and January last being called for, were read.

On motion, Resolution No. 2, (Printed Minutes, page 118,) of the report of the Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, adopted at the last meeting through mistake, was rescinded.

The report of the Presbyterial Committee of Education, was made the order for to-day at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Moderator then announced the following Standing Committees:

1. *Narrative:*
   Watkins, Smith (J. H.), and Bullock.
2. *Systematic Beneficence:*
   Craig, Dalton, and Lott.
3. *Reports on Sessional Dutics:*
   Darnall, Miller, and Donnell.
4. *Sessional Records:*
   1st Section—Faucette and Brown.

2d Section—Allison and Womack.
3rd Section—Wilhelm and Denny.
4th Section—Isler and Daniel.

5. *Treasurer's Accounts:*
Chester and Brown.

6. *Minutes of Synod:*
Currie, Atkinson, and White.

7. *Devotional Exercises:*
Watkins and Young.

8. *Installations:*
Vass, Smith (J. H.), and Donnell.

9. *Calls and Supplies:*
Alexander, chairman *ex-off.*, Craig, Dalton, Peace and Savage.

The standing order for devotional exercises was, on motion, suspended until 11 o'clock.

Rev. Alexander Sprunt, of the Lexington Presbytery, having presented a letter of dismission to this body, was examined and received and enrolled as a member of this Presbytery.

Excuses by letter for absence from this meeting were received from C. H. Wiley, D. D., and C. N. Morrow, and sustained as satisfactory.

A call from the Graham church for the pastoral services of Rev. E. H. Harding, D. D., was read and referred under the rules to the Committee on Calls and Supplies.

A number of formal applications from churches for the services of Stated Supply were also read and referred to the same committee.

It was made the second order of the day for this afternoon to hear the Narratives on the State of Religion from the churches of the Presbytery.

The reports of the Agent of Home Missions and of the Presbyterial Evangelists were made the order of the day for Friday at 11 a. m.

Reports of Sessions on Sabbath Schools, Systematic Beneficence and Sessional Duties were referred to the several standing committees on these subjects.

The report of Mr. Jesse H. Lindsay, Treasurer of Presbytery, was read and referred to the Committee to examine the Treasurer's Accounts.

The report of the Trustees of Presbytery was read and referred to a special committee consisting of Rev. Jas. C. Alexander, J. H. Smith, D. D., and Jesse H. Lindsay.

It was resolved that Licentiate Robt. P. Pell be heard concerning his labors in connection with the reports on Home Missions and Evangelistic Work.

The Missionary Supplies ordered at the last meeting having reported for the most part that they had failed to fill their appointments, the following resolution was offered and adopted:

Realizing the very great importance of occupying our mission fields, and of vigorous efforts to extend them, therefore be it

Resolved, That Presbytery urges upon the brethren appointed to preach in these fields this great necessity; and exhorts them to endeavor

even at the cost of considerable self-denial on their part, to fulfill the appointments of Presbytery, and that the Evangelists be specially enjoined to correspond with the Supplies as to when it would be most convenient for the services of these assistants to be rendered.

Presbytery then spent an hour in devotional exercises.

Presbytery, on motion, agreed to meet daily at 9:30 a. m., taking recess at 1 o'clock p. m. until 3 p. m., and adjourning at will.

An application for the services of Licentiate R. Baxter Willis as Stated Supply from the church at Oxford was read and referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies.

A call for the pastoral services of Rev. Alexander Sprunt for three-fourths of his time from the Henderson church was read and referred to the same committee.

A communication from the General Assembly's Committee on Sabbath Observance was received, read and referred with directions to prepare and forward a reply, to the Presbytery's Standing Committee on the same subject, viz: Drs. Atkinson and Smith, and Wm. B. Tidball.

A communication from the Synod of South Carolina touching a centenary celebration was read and referred to a special committee with instructions to report at this meeting: F. H. Johnston, D. D., J. H. Smith, D. D., and L. C. Vass were appointed as the Committee.

Item docketed at the last meeting, viz: Resolution of Agent of Home Missions touching relation of Stated Supply was made the first order for Friday.

The Commission appointed to visit Calah church and redress evils, (Print. Min., p. 115,) made a report which was received and made the special order for this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

A petition from the church at Rocky Mount was received, read and laid on the table for the present.

A petition from members of the Presbyterian Church residing in Kernersville, Forsyth County, N. C., praying to be organized into a church was read and, on motion, the request was granted and the following committee appointed to organize the church if the way be clear: F. H. Johnston, D. D., J. C. Alexander and Maj. T. J. Brown, an elder of the Winston church.

J. C. Alexander, Presbyterial Agent of Home Missions, asked for a special committee to settle finally the account with Evangelist P. R. Law, recently removed from our bounds. Messrs. George Allen, J. B. Burwell, and L. E. Amis were appointed as this committee.

Presbytery then took recess until 3 P. M.

AFTER RECESS,

The report of the Commission to visit Calah church was taken up. This report was approved, ordered to be spread on the minutes, and is as follows:

RANDOLPH Co., N. C., House of Geo. Foust.

November 30, 1884.

The Commission appointed to visit Calah church and redress grievances met and was constituted with prayer.

Present, Rev. J. C. Alexander, chairman, and Col. Jos. A. Houston, R. E. Absent, Rev. P. R. Law.

The chairman by request acted as clerk. There being but one ruling elder in Calah church, and the conduct and character of that elder being a matter of complaint and sore grievance, it was deemed proper by the Commission that the said elder, P. K. Foust, do not discharge the duties of Ruling Elder on the present occasion.

Two persons made application for church membership. The church being now practically without a Session, the Commission deemed it properly within its province to consider them and act upon them.

Miss Elizabeth Foust and Miss Lilian Virginia Foust appeared before the Commission, and after a satisfactory examination as to their experimental acquaintance with religion, they were admitted to the sealing ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.

Closed with prayer.

MONDAY MORNING, Dec. 1st, 1884.
House of Peter K. Foust.

The Commission met, and was opened with prayer by the chairman.

Mr. Peter K. Foust appeared before the Commission, and acknowledged that he had been and was still engaged in manufacturing and vending intoxicating liquors, under license from the United States Government. The said Peter K. Foust, after being urged and entreated to abandon the said employment, expressed his unwillingness to do so, and stated his determination to continue the same. Whereupon the Commission unanimously suspended indefinitely the said Peter K. Foust from the office of Ruling Elder.

The Commission then adjourned to meet at the call of the chairman, at the church.

Closed with prayer.

CALAH CHURCH, Dec. 1, 1884.

The Commission met, and was opened with prayer.

Notice had been previously given that that the church would, on this day, if the way be clear, proceed to elect two persons to act as Ruling Elders. The congregation was called to order by the chairman of the Commission. The congregation signified its readiness to proceed with the election. After prayer for the divine guidance, the election was held, which resulted in the choice of Geo. M. Foust and Wm. H. Foust. After some little time to consider the matter, the persons elected signified their willingness to accept the office to which they had been chosen.

The said Geo. M. Foust and Wm. H. Foust were then ordained Ruling Elders and installed over Calah church, according to our Form of Government, Chap. vi., Sec. 3.

The Commission then adjourned after reading and approval of the Minutes.

Closed with prayer.

JAS. C. ALEXANDER, *Chairman.*

The Committee to verify the Copied Records of Presbytery reported progress. The report was received, and the Committee continued.

Sessional reports on the State of Religion were read until the time for the order of the day, when Dr. Smith, chairman of the Presbyterial Committee of Education read his report which was received and approved, and that part of it which referred to Mr. James P. Paisley, a former candidate under the care of Presbytery, in commendatory terms, was ordered to be published in the *North Carolina Presbyterian*.

Friday, at 8 o'clock, p. m., was appointed as the time for hearing the semi-annual sermon by H. T. Darnall.

The reading of the Narratives from the churches was then resumed and finished, and the reports referred to the Committee on the Narrative.

Hawfields church was chosen as the place of the next stated meeting of the Presbytery.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, March 27. 9:30 A. M.

The Presbytery met and was opened with prayer by D. I, Craig.

The Minutes were read, corrected and approved.

A petition for the organization of a church at Warrenton was presented and read, and laid on the table for the present.

Mr. Orrin Williams, from Tarboro church, was enrolled after satisfactory excuse given for late attendance.

A committee consisting of L. C. Vass, J. N. H. Summerell and Geo. Allen, were appointed to organize a church at Wilson, N. C., if the way be open.

Petitions from Tarboro church, asking leave to employ their present pastor another Sabbath with proportionate increase of salary, and a communication from the Presbyterians of Wilson, desiring Presbytery to retain for them the services of Mr. Summerell were read, and, on motion, these papers, with the communication from Rocky Mount church relating to the same subject, were referred to a special committee for consideration and report at this meeting. The committee consists of L. C. Vass, T J. Allison, and Orrin Williams.

Rev. W. L. Harriss, of the Meth. Prot. Church was introduced to the Presbytery, and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Additional calls for services of Stated Supply from several churches were read and referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies.

A special committee, viz: Alex. Sprunt, C. Miller and C. M. Brown, was appointed to report on a request from Mr. N. P. Foard concerning the bell at Elkin church.

The committee appointed at the last meeting to report a plan for holding protracted meetings made the following report which was received and adopted:

Your committee to which was referred the perfecting of a plan for carrying out the purposes of a paper adopted at the Fall meeting, looking towards the holding of protracted meetings in the churches, would respectfully report that after consultation with many of the brethren of Presbytery, and in view of such difficulties in the way as seem to render the plan impracticable, we do not see the way clear to present any details of arrangement, and recommend that the action taken at Hillsboro be rescinded. By order of Committee.

H. T. DARNALL, *Chairman.*

The special order for 11 o'clock having arrived, J. C. Alexander, Presbyterial Agent of Home Missions, made his report, which was received. The Evangelists, S. L. Wilson, W. F. Thom, and S. H. Isler, also made reports, and Messrs. Summerell and Dalton gave an account of their fields, which receive aid from the Sustentation Fund.

Messrs. George Allen, J. B. Burwell, and L. E. Amis were appointed a committee to settle with the Evangelists.

Mr. Jesse H. Lindsay, Treasurer, was excused from further attendance after to-day.

Pending consideration of the Evangelistic Work, Presbytery took recess until 3 o'clock.

AFTER RECESS,

The following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Presbytery has been informed that at the mission visits of our ministers in places where we have no houses of worship, the Methodist Episcopal, Methodist Protestant and Baptist churches have been kindly tendered to us and used by our ministers, the Presbytery gratefully notes this fact, and does hereby express to these churches the thanks of the Presbytery and invokes upon them the blessing of our common Lord and Saviour, and our ministers at such places are hereby directed to make known this action to these churches.

The unfinished business was then resumed. Licentiate R. P. Pell made a verbal report of his labors in Vance and Granville counties: Messrs. Johnston and Miller gave some account of the Surry field; Mr. Dalton of Yanceyville, and Mr. Currie of the Alamance church.

The following resolution appended to the report of the Agent of Home Missions was then adopted:

Resolved, That the Presbytery would call the attention of all our Evangelists to Standing Rule 35, and that hereafter the Presbytery will expect from all our Evangelists a detailed report of the amount and kind of labor performed and the results. This is to include all those who receive aid from the Sustentation Committee.

The following groupings of churches recommended by the Agent of Home Missions were confirmed by the Presbytery, viz:

1. Alamance, Spring Wood, and Company Shops. To be supplied by Rev. Arch. Currie for the present, or until they may make permanent arrangements.
2. Shiloh, Grassy Creek, Nutbush, and Oak Hill.
3. Oxford and Geneva.
4. Mt. Vernon, Pittsboro', Calah, Haywood, and the Gulf.
5. Henderson and Littleton.

The Committee on petitions from Tarboro', *et al*, made the following report which was accepted and adopted:

In view of the critical posture of the work in Wilson, and the interests of the cause of Christ in the whole parish of Rev. J. N. H. Summerell, we consider that it would be hurtful, at this time, to make any change in his field of labor.

We therefore advise that the petition from Tarboro' for three-fourths of his time be returned to that church with the request that for the sake of the welfare of Christ's Kingdom, it be withheld until the Fall Session of the Presbytery, when if their wishes remain unchanged, Presbytery will endeavor to so arrange its work that it may be possible to grant it.

But in view also of the fact that Mr. Summe.ell's labors would be consolidated by the change, and his salary considerably increased, we hereby express our hope that the Wilson field will increase his salary by an addition of at least $50 per annum.

We recommend that the request of Rocky Mount church to be allowed to change their call for Mr. Summerell so as to read $200 for one-fourth of his time instead of $125 be granted, and that the church be commended for their action.

From so much of this report as relates to returning the petition to Tarboro' church, Mr. O. Williams dissents.

L. C. VASS, *Chairman.*

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That our Agent of Colportage be authorized to employ our Evangelists as Colporteurs with such liberty of gratuitous distribution as may be desirable.

The following action respecting protracted meetings was taken:

Resolved, 1. That Presbytery endorses the expediency and importance of conducting protracted services in our churches at least once a year, and especially in feeble and vacant churches.

2. We urge upon all our churches the duty of self-denial in sending out their pastors, or supplies, for some weeks, annually, for the purpose of assisting each other in this vital work.

3. That the churches enjoying such series of meetings will be expected to defray any expenses incurred therein by the ministers assisting.

The committee appointed on the communication from Elder N. P. Foard offered the following which was adopted:

1. Presbytery has no jurisdiction in the matter.
2. That Elder N. P. Foard be advised to effect the transfer of the bell

from Elkin to Leaksville, if this transfer can be effected satisfactorily to the parties concerned.

The following nominations of commissioners to the General Assembly were made:

Ministers: S. M. Smith, Summerell, Vass, Wilhelm, Faucette, Dalton.
Ruling Elders: Samuel Watkins, Orrin Williams, A. C. McAllister, J. A. Womack.

Resolved, That the expenses of the Minister and of the Elder receiving the highest number of votes be guaranteed by Presbytery, the low state of the treasury preventing the expenses of four commissioners from being paid.

S. H. Chester was excused from further attendance after to-day's sessions.

The order of the day, viz: the resolution of the Agent of Home Missions, laid over from last meeting, touching the relation of Stated Supply, was taken up and the matter considered.

Wednesday, at 12 o'clock M., the 19th day of August next, was appointed as the time of the next stated meeting.

S. M. Smith appeared and was enrolled after rendering satisfactory reasons for late attendance.

Recess was then taken until 8 o'clck, p. m.

AFTER RECESS,

Presbytery attended to the order of the day, and heard the Presbyterial sermon by H. T. Darnall, on the subject assigned to him, viz: The Necessity of the Gospel for the Salvation of the Heathen.

The approval and thanks of the Presbytery were voted to Mr. Darnall for this sermon.

J. N. H. Summerell was excused from further attendance after 11 o'clock to-morrow.

The unfinished business was taken up, when the following substitute for the original resolution (No. 1) was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Presbytery that it is inconsistent with the principles and form of government of the Presbyterian Church to recognize or allow the relation known as Stated Supply, and that this Presbytery does earnestly advise churches not to solicit, and ministers not to accept such relation.

Resolution No. 2 was adopted unchanged as follows:

Resolved, That when a church is declared vacant it shall be placed upon the list of vacant churches, and in order to prevent any of our churches from being entirely without preaching during its vacancy, the Presbytery recognizing its oversight and pastoral care over the whole field, will endeavor to supply it with preaching at least once a month.

Committee to review Sessional Records of Section 3, made a report which was received and approved.

The Presbytery then adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, March 28. 9:30 A. M.

The Presbytery met and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The Minutes were read, corrected and approved.

The following members were excused from further attendance after 11 o'clock this morning: Messrs. Williams, Brown, and Amis. After 5 o'clock this afternoon: Messrs. Atkinson, Burwell and White.

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Trustees of Presbytery made the following report, which was received and approved, viz:

That Presbytery resolves not to abandon Haw River as a preaching point; that Messrs. Alexander and Smith (J. H) each be directed to visit and preach there at some time this summer; and that the property question be referred to the Trustees of Presbytery.

The Committee on the Minutes of Synod reported that the Minutes had not been placed in their hands. The report was received and the committee discharged.

The Committee on the Treasurer's Accounts submitted the following report, which was received:

Your committee appointed to examine the Books and Accounts of the Treasurer of Orange Presbytery report that they have carefully examined the accounts and find them properly sustained by vouchers.

We find that the Evangelistic Account has to credit $323.28; and that there is a debt for money borrowed to settle with Rev. P. R. Law, $108, which leaves available balance, including collections at this meeting, of $215.28, against balance of salary now due the Evangelists. Due to Mr. Wilson $143.82; to Mr. Thom, $250; to Mr. Isler, $200.

The Presbyterial Fund shows a credit, $149.24, and receipts during this meeting amounting to $100—$249.24.

Against this there is now due Rev. F. H. Johnston, Stated Clerk, salary, &c., $119.02; Rev. J. C. Alexander, Agent of Home Missions, $37; Commissioners to the General Assembly of 1884, $117.70—making a total of $273.72.

We find due from the following churches for 1883 and for 1884 (See Treasurer's report, Appendix E.)

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE ALLEN, *Chairman.*

The committee to settle with the Evangelists made the following separate reports which were received and approved:

Your Committee appointed to settle with the Evangelists report that Rev. P. R. Law has been paid ten months labor at $250 per annum in full.

That Rev. S. L. Wilson has been paid in full to April 1, 1885—$200.

That Rev. S. H. Isler has been paid $50, and that there is yet due him $150 to April 1, 1885.

That Rev. W. F. Thom has been paid $45, and that there is yet due him $205, and for half his travelling expenses $12.50, making a total debt to him $217.30. Total, $369.30.

We find that the above amounts will overdraw the funds now in hand to the amount of $187, to which must be added a debt now due for bor-

rowed money of $108, making total debt now owing by the Evangelistic Fund $295.

GEORGE ALLEN, *Chairman.*

Your Committee to whom was referred the matter of final settlement with Rev. P. R. Law, late Evangelist of the Chatham field, would report that they find the following facts: At the meeting of Presbytery at Greensboro in 1883, the record shows that Presbytery engaged Bro. Law as Evangelist for ensuing year at a salary of $225, from the Evangelistic Fund, and $150 from the Sustentation Fund, making $375.

That at the meeting at Durham in 1884, the following is the record:

"*Resolved*, That the following sums be apportioned to our Evangelistic fields for the current year: Nahalah, $150; Ashboro', $250; Chatham, $250; Neuse River, $200; Yanceyville, $50; Mt. Airy $50. Total, $950; that Presbytery will guarantee payment in this proportion until Fall meeting," &c

In view of the above facts the committee are of the opinion that Bro. Law is entitled to a pro rata share of $250 for ten months' service, which amount $208.33 has been paid him; and the Committee are of the opinion that this should be a final settlement of accounts.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE ALLEN, *Chairman.*

A special committee, consisting of Jas. C. Alexander, Jesse H. Lindsay, George Allen and John B. Burwell, was appointed to examine into the whole matter of the Presbyterial Fund, Assessments and Contingent Expenses; and recommend a readjustment of the present plan so as to meet present difficulties and report as soon as possible.

The Committee on Calls and Supplies reported the call from Henderson church for the pastoral services of Rev. Alex. Sprunt to be in order and recommended that it be placed in his hands. Adopted. They also reported the call from Graham church for the pastoral services of Rev. Dr. Harding, which was laid on the table.

The Committee on Reports of Sessions on Sessional Duties made a report which was approved. (See Appendix D.)

A call from Red House church for the pastoral services of Rev. T. U. Faucette was read and referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies.

An election which then took place for Commissioners to the General Assembly resulted as follows:

Rev. S. M. Smith with Sam'l Watkins, R. E., and Rev. T. U. Faucette with Orrin Williams, R. E., were elected principal commissioners. Rev. J. N. H. Summerell with A. C. McAllister, R. E., and Rev. W. F. Wilhelm with J. A. Womack, R. E., were chosen alternate commissioners.

It was ordered that the alternates, each to each, receive the guarantee of traveling expenses as determined by previous action. (See page 133.)

The Committee to review Sessional Records of the 2d Section made a report which was received and approved.

On motion, the payment of expenses of the Trustees of Davidson College was referred to the Special Committee on the Presbyterial Fund.

The committee to prepare a narrative for the General Assembly and

Synod made a report which was received, adopted, and ordered to be forwarded to those bodies respectively. (See Appendix B.)

The Committee to review Sessional Records of 1st Section made a report which was approved.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence made a report which was received, approved and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly, (See Appendix C.) and the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of Orange Presbytery that in obedience to the direction of the General Assembly and the Presbytery every church ought to have an opportunity to contribute to ALL the causes presented by the Assembly; that every Session and minister be directed to present each cause to the Church at a regular Sabbath service, and that the Ministers be examined at each Spring meeting as to their fidelity in this matter.

L. C. Vass, Presbyterial Agent for Sabbath Schools, made a report which was accepted, adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly. (See Appendix F.)

RECESS.

The Committee on Calls and Supplies reported the call from Red House church for T. U. Faucette for one-fourth of his time to be in order, and, on motion, it was placed in his hands.

The following applications for services of Stated Supply were granted on recommendation of the Committee on Calls and Supplies:

Bethesda	church,	for	D. I. Craig,	one-fourth	time,	$150.
Croatan	"	"	S. H. Isler,	"	"	75.
Geneva	"	"	R. B. Willis,	"	"	200.
Leaksville	"	"	C. Miller,	"	"	160.
Lagrange	"	"	S. H. Isler,	"	"	25.
Mt. Vernon	"	"	W. F. Thom,	"	"	100.
Milton	"	"	T. U. Faucette,	3-fourths	"	600.
Madison	"	"	C. Miller,	one-half	"	250.
Nutbush	"	"	R. P. Pell,	"	"	240.
Oxford	"	"	R. B. Willis,	3-fourths	"	600.
Oak Hill	"	"	R. P. Pell,	one-fourth	"	120.
Oakland	"	"	R. Burwell,	"	"	60.
Shiloh	"	"	R. P. Pell,	"	"	120.
Wentworth	"	"	C. Miller,	"	"	125.

The Committee on Installations reported the following arrangements for the installation of Rev. Alex. Sprunt as pastor of the Henderson church, viz:

Rev. Charles Phillips, D. D., preside and propound the constitutional questions;

Rev. J. S. Watkins, D. D., preach the sermon and charge the pastor, and

Rev. H. T. Darnall charge the people.

Time, second Sabbath in May, at 11 a. m.

This report was adopted.

The Committee to review Sessional Records of 4th Section made a report which was received and approved.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting as a Committee of Arrangements to arrange a program for the exercises of a Sabbath School Convention made the following report which was adopted:

WHEREAS, Many difficulties seem to lie in the way of carrying out the instructions of Presbytery in regard to holding Sabbath School Conventions, the Committee of Arrangements for the two districts after consultation agreed to submit the following resolutions, to-wit:

1. That Presbytery rescinds the action taken at Hillsboro' last September (See Min. p. 116) by which the Presbytery was divided into two districts and the Sabbath Schools in each instructed to hold a convention.

2. That during the session of Presbytery at Hawfields, next Fall, one day, viz: Friday, be devoted to Sunday School Work; that all the Sunday Schools be requested and urged to send delegates to this meeting, who shall, with the Presbytery, constitute a Convention of the Sunday Schools of Presbytery.

3. That a committee be appointed to prepare and publish a program for this Convention.

T. J. ALLISON, *Chairman.*

The same Committee submitted the following report also, which was adopted:

The undersigned would submit the following grouping of Sabbath Schools for the consideration of Presbytery:

No. 1. *Tar River Group.* Washington, Tarboro, Rocky Mount, Wilson, Nahalah, Enfield.

No. 2. *Neuse River Group.* Newberne, Croatan, Kinston, La Grange, Oakland, Raleigh 1st and 2nd churches.

No 3. *Granville Group.* Oxford, Henderson, Warrenton, Littleton, Nutbush, Geneva, Shiloh, Grassy Creek, Oak Hill.

No. 4. *Orange Group.* Durham, Haywood, Pittsboro', Chapel Hill, New Hope, Hillsboro, Little River, Eno, Fairfield, Mebaneville, Bethlehem.

No. 5. *Haw River Group.* Grier's, Stony Creek, Cross Roads, Hawfields, Graham, Company Shops.

No. 6. *Guilford Group.* Greensboro, Buffalo, Bethel, Alamance, Spring Wood, Winston, Mt. Airy, Kernersville, Jamestown, Mt. Vernon, Gulf.

No. 7. *Randolph Group.* Lexington, High Point, Ashboro, Worthville, Calah.

No. 8. *Rockingham Group.* Milton, Yanceyville, Red House, Bethesda, Reidsville, Speedwell, Wentworth, Leaksville, Madison.

T. J. ALLISON, *Chairman.*

The Special Committee on the Presbyterial Fund made a report and was continued.

The committee appointed (See Min. p. 121) to declare the Henderson and Nutbush churches vacant reported the duty discharged.

Resolution No. 1 reported by the Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly at the last meeting (See Min. p. 118) was taken from the Docket and adopted by the following vote, on a call for the ayes and noes:

The General Assembly of 1884 having recommended to the Presbyteries the following change in the Confession of Faith,—to strike out from Paragraph 4, Chap. 24, these words, viz: "The man may not marry any of his wife's kindred nearer in blood than he may of his own, nor the

woman of her husband's kindred nearer in blood than her own,"—the Presbytery of Orange gives its consent to the change recommended, and advises that the words designated be stricken out.

Ayes,—Faucette, Dalton, Watkins, Wilson, Isler, Smith (J. H.) Atkinson, Wilhelm, Miller, Vass, Sprunt, Smith (S. M), Stamps, Donnell, White, Venable, Allen, Burwell.—18.

Noes,—Currie (A.) Johnston, Alexander, Allison, Craig, Darnall, Thom, Lott, Denny, Amis.—10.

The following Committees were appointed for the different Sunday School groups :

Tar River—J. N. H. Summerell, O. Williams.

Neuse River—L. C. Vass, George Allen.

Granville—Alex. Sprunt, J. R. Young.

Orange—H. T. Darnall, E. Morehead.

Haw River—S. H. Chester, S. A. White.

Guilford—J. C. Alexander, R. P. Dick.

Randolph—A. L. Crawford, A. C. McAllister.

Rockingham—D. I. Craig, James Irwin.

The Committee on the Communication from the Synod of South Carolina made the following recommendations, which were adopted :

1. That this Presbytery acknowledge the courtesy tendered to them by the Synod of South Carolina.

2. That ———————— be and are hereby appointed to represent the Presbytery on the anniversary occasion to be observed during the meeting of the Synod at Chester, S. C., next October.

3. That these brethren be instructed to bear to the Synod of South Carolina the cordial, fraternal salutations of the Presbytery of Orange, and to take such further part in the celebration as may be deemed suitable.

F. H. Johnston, D. D., Jas. C. Alexander and Maj. Robert Bingham were appointed to represent the Presbytery on the occasion referred to above, and John S. Watkins, D. D., and S. M. Smith were appointed as alternates.

Rev. Mr. Renn, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was introduced to the Presbytery, and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Leave of absence from remaining session of Presbytery was granted to D. I. Craig, C. Miller, M. T. Savage, T. B. Venable, and Thos. Stamps.

An informal request from the Oxford church for the ordination of R. B. Willis, *sine titulo*, having been referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies, that Committee recommended that the request be not granted. Adopted.

Wm. F. Thom was elected Evangelist of the Chatham Field, with a salary of $250 from the Presbytery.

It was ordered that one of our candidates now in the Seminary be employed in the Randolph Field, (Randleman's, Worthville, &c.) for four months at the rate of $100 per annum, together with one-half of what may be collected in the field.

S. L. Wilson, Evangelist, was granted leave to preach in the Nahalah field until the *first* of May, provided it be not supplied in the meantime.

Ordered, that one of our candidates now in the Semiaary be employed in the Nahalah field for four months at the rate of $100 per annum, together with half of what may be raised in the field.

The Presbytery authorized Rev. Alex. Sprunt to supply Littleton and Warrenton monthly, one Sabbath and one week day service alternately in his discretion, and fifty dollars were guaranteed him for the work, if necessary.

S. H. Isler was re elected Evangelist for the Neuse River field, the Presbytery pledging $200 toward his salary.

Fifty dollars each were appropriated for use in the Mt. Airy and Yanceyville fields, if necessary.

R. A. Patterson, Ruling Elder from Littleton church appeared in Presbytery and was enrolled on rendering excuse for late attendance.

T. U. Faucette having signified his acceptance of the call from Red House church, the Committee on Installations reported the following order for his installation, which was approved:

That the installation of Rev. T. U. Faucette as Pastor of Red House church take place, if the way be clear, on the first Sabbath in August next.

That D. I. Craig preside, &c., and charge the Pastor, and that Jas. C. Alexander preach the sermon and charge the people, and each to be alternate to the other.

RECESS.

John S. Watkins, D. D., was appointed to prepare a biographical sketch of the Rev. Drury Lacy, D. D., to be presented at the next meeting.

He was also appointed to preach the semi-annual sermon at the next meeting. Subject assigned: Parental Obligation in the Training of Children.

The Agent of Home Missions recommended the following Supplies, which were ordered, viz:

To assist the Evangelists:
Chatham Field—Allison, Chester, Crawford and Wilhelm.
Nahalah Field—Smith (S. M.), Summerell, Sprunt.
Neuse River Field—Vass, Watkins, Darnall.
Yanceyville—Faucette, Craig, J. L. Currie.
Mt. Airy—Johnston, Dalton, Miller.
Fairfield—A. Currie.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, The thanks of this Presbytery be tendered to the citizens of Henderson for their kind and hospitable entertainment of the brethren during this meeting; and to the various sister churches of the town for the use of their houses of worship; and the various Railroad Companies for their usual courtesies; and that this resolution be published by the pastor of this church from the pulpit.

John S. Watkins, D. D., Alex. Sprunt and Samuel Watkins were appointed a committee to visit Warrenton, aud take into consideration the request of the people there, and organize a church if the way be open.

Messrs. Darnall, Vass, Isler and George Allen were appointed a committee to visit Kinston, and organize a church if the way be clear.

The Committee on the Resolution of L. C. Vass (Min. page 102) was, on motion, continued.

T. J. Allison was appointed Trustee of Davidson College to fill the unexpired term of John W. Primrose.

Historical Sketches of Churches were called for, when most of the appointees as historians reported progress, and were continued.

The Minutes were then read and approved.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet at Hawfields Church the Wednesday before the fourth Sabbath in August, 1885, at 12 M.

Closed with singing, prayer and the apostolic benediction.

J. N. H. SUMMERELL,
THOMAS STAMPS, } *Temporary Clerks.*

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

A.

MINUTES

OF THE PRO RE NATA MEETINGS HELD IN RALEIGH, N. C., DECEMBER 12, 1884, AND JANUARY 21, 1885.

(1)

RALEIGH, N. C., December 12, 1884.

The Presbytery of Orange met in the First Presbyterian church at 3, P. M., this day, pursuant to the following call, viz:

"The forms of the Book having been complied with, I hereby call a meeting of the Orange Presbytery in the First church, Raleigh, Dec. 12, at 3 o'clock, P. M., to consider the transfer of Rev. J. W. Primrose to the Presbytery of Wilmington.

S. H. CHESTER, *Moderator.*"

The meeting was opened with prayer, and the following members present were enrolled, viz:

Robert Burwell, D. D., John S. Watkins, D. D., with Elder John B. Burwell, of the Raleigh 1st church.

Dr. BURWELL was chosen Moderator, and John B. Burwell, temporary clerk *pro tem.*

John W. Primrose requested by letter a dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between himself and the churches of Oxford, Grassy Creek and Shiloh. The proceedings of the congregations of these churches consenting to the dissolution were read, and being found in due form, on motion of Dr. Watkins, the application was granted and the relation dissolved, and Mr. Primrose was, at his own request dismissed to the Presbytery of Wilmington.

The Minutes were then read and approved, and the Presbytery ad-adjourned.

Closed with prayer.

R. BURWELL, *Moderator.*

JOHN B. BURWELL, *Clerk pro. tem.*

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

(2)

RALEIGH, N. C., January 21, 1885.

Presbytery of Orange met in accordance with the following notice from the Moderator:

"The provision of the law having been complied with, I hereby call a meeting of the Presbytery of Orange, in the First Presbyterian church of Raleigh, N. C., on Wednesday, January 21, 1885, at 7:30 P. M., to consider the transfer (and all matters connected therewith) of Rev. P. R. Law, Evangelist, to the Presbytery of Mecklenburg.

S. H. CHESTER, *Moderator.*"

The Presbytery was called to order and opened with prayer by Rev. P. R. LAW, last Moderator present.

PRESENT—*Ministers:* R. Burwell, D. D., J. M. Atkinson, D. D., J. H. Smith, D. D., J. S. Watkins, D. D., and P. R. Law.

Ruling Elders: Junius A. Alston, of the Pittsboro' church, and John B. Burwell, of the 1st church of Raleigh.

Mr. John B. Burwell was chosen Clerk *pro tem.*

Rev. P. R. Law tendered his resignation as Evangelist of the Chatham Field, which was, on motion, accepted; and he was, at his own request, dismissed to connect himself with the Presbytery of Mecklenburg.

On motion of Dr. Smith, it was resolved that the Treasurer be requested to settle with Mr. Law for portion of salary still due, and that, if no money is in the treasury available for this purpose, that he be authorized to borrow such an amount as may be necessary on best terms possible.

On motion of Elder J. B. Burwell, it was resolved that the portions of Granville, Chatham and Caswell made vacant by the removal of Messrs. Law and Primrose be commended to our Agent of Home Missions, and that steps be taken at once to supply them; and that our Agent be directed to correspond with the candidates now under charge at Union Seminary, with a view to securing their services for these vacant fields of labor.

On motion, the Presbytery adjourned, being closed with prayer.

P. R. LAW, *Moderator.*

JOHN B. BURWELL, *Clerk pro tem.*

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

B.

Narrative of the State of Religion,

ADOPTED AND FORWARDED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND SYNOD, APRIL 1885.

We cannot report any marked change in the general spiritual condition of the Church since last year. The attendance upon the public services of the sanctuary has been almost universally good, and our ministers have preached the gospel in its simplicity and purity.

Some of the churches have been blessed with a rich outpouring of the Holy Spirit, but a large number report few or no accessions.

The Presbytery is emphasizing the importance of frequently holding protracted services, especially in those churches which have only occasional preaching. The report still comes from many of our churches that the observance of the Lord's day is far below the Bible standard, and that Family Worship is neglected to a considerable extent. We have reason to fear that rather loose views are held by some in respect to the obligation of the Sabbath as a day set apart for rest from secular labors and cares and for the worship and service of the Most High.

The Monthly Concert of Prayer for Foreign Missions is much neglected, especially in our country churches. Sabbath Schools are maintained wherever practicable, and they have furnished a large number of the communicants who have been added on examination.

The Presbytery is taking steps to awaken more interest in the Sunday School work, and to further the interest of this important cause.

While we have reason for gratitude and thankfulness to God for the harmony which prevails among us, for the continuation of our privileges and opportunities and for the measure of good which has been accomplished, we have abundant reason for humiliation and repentance when we consider how much more might have been done.

By order of Presbytery.

F. H. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

C.

Presbyterial Report on Systematic Beneficence,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 1885,

OBJECTS.	NUMBER OF CONGREGATIONS CONTRIBUTING.	AMOUNTS
Sustentation	Forty-two	$ 755 43
Evangelistic	Forty-six	631 06
Invalid Fund	Forty-two	280 05
Foreign Missions	Forty-six	1412 42
Education	Forty-four	597 06
Publication	Forty	215 62
Tuskaloosa Institute (colored)	Twenty-seven	76 85
Total		$3969 19

Twenty-one congregations have contributed to all the seven objects of benevolence ordered by the General Assembly; Twelve have contributed to six: One has contriuuted to five: Three have contributed to four: One has contributed to three; One has contributed to two: Five have contributed to one: Two have contributed to none.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1884.	1885.	GAIN.	LOSS.
Sustentation	$ 558 72	$ 755 43	$196 71	
Evangelistic	626 48	631 06	5 58	
Invalid Fund	278 13	280 05	1 88	
Foreign Missions	1146 15	1412 42	266 27	
Education	289 39	597 06	307 67	
Publication	226 82	215 62		$ 11 20
Tuskaloosa Institute	124 59	76 85		47 74
Totals	$3250 28	$3968 49	$718 21	

F. H. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

D.

Report on Sessional Duties.

Your Committee on Sessional Duties report: 47 churches have sent up reports. Those not reporting are Grassy Creek, Red House, Griers, Speedwell, Bethlehem, Warrenton, Louisburg, Yanceyville, Mt. Airy, Haywood, Horeb, Mebanesville, Oregon, Elkin, Littleton, Company Shops. Of those reporting none report any poor supported by public charity. All but two report the appointment of Delegates to Presbytery and Synod. Very few report upon the payment of the expenses of Ruling Elders, but all the churches having pastors report their expenses paid, except Nahalah church.

38 churches sent up Narratives on State of Religion—10 did not.
36 " " " Sessional Records to this meeting—11 did not.
29 " report apportionment to Evangelistic Fund paid—13 in part —6 not paid.
35 " " presbyterial assessment paid—5 in part—8 not paid.
39 " " pastors' salaries paid in full—7 in part—0 not paid.

The 2nd Raleigh church states that no definite salary has been promised.

In all cases where not paid in full the arrearages are very small, and the assurance is given that they will soon be met.

By order of Committee,

H. T. DARNALL, *Chairman*

March 27, 1885.

E.

Report of Treasurer.

GREENSBORO, N. C., March 24, 1885.

Delinquent churches on the Presbyterial Fund.

1883.

Haywood, $3.	Hawfields, $15.	Mt. Airy, $2.
Lexington, $16.	Shiloh, $4.	Yanceyville, $3.
Oak Hill, $3.	Croatan, $1.	

1884.

Haywood, $3.	Hawfields, $15.	Mt. Airy, $2.
Oak Hill, $3.	Wentworth, $4.	Croatan, $1.
La Grange, $2.		

We have in hand due the Presbyterial Fund $137 24. This will not pay claims now due, that is, the three Commissioners to the General Assembly of '84, the Stated Clerk for last year, and the Agent of Home Missions for the last year.

We have $273 28 due the Evangelistic Fund. This I think will be consumed by amounts due our Evangelists to the present date.

Respectfully submitted.

JESSE H. LINDSAY, *Treasurer.*

F.---Presbyterial Report on Sabbath Schools.

REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMRLY FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 1, 1885.

NAMES OF SCHOOLS.	NO. ON ROLLS.		AV'GE ATT'N'E		Scholars admitted to Communion.	CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE SCHOOLS.	
	Teachers.	Scholars.	Teachers.	Scholars.		For their own expenses.	For other purposes.
1. Ashboro (Union)	4	40	3	25	.....	$ 5	.....
2. Buffalo	7	75	6	51	.....	5	$ 1
3. Bethel	12	90	9	60	4	6	.....
4. Croatan	6	27	4	15	.....	5	.....
5. Chapel Hill	5	34	4	25	5	8	.....
6. Cross Roads	6	75	4	50	23	.....	4
7. Durham	7	50	6	40	7	25	.....
8. Greensboro	22	176	19	100	2	106	14
9. Henderson	9	65	8	42	2	42	.....
10. High Point	6	62	6	45	.....	24	3
11. Hawfields	6	60	6	50	14	5	.....
12. Hillsboro	10	44	7	23	.....	12	.....
13. Jamestown (Union)	9	100	7	70	2	10	.....
14. Leaksville	4	38	4	25	5	.....	.....
15. Lexington	16	114	10	65	23	.....	.....
16. Little River	3	25	3	25	6	.....	.....
17. Madison	10	54	7	25	1	.....	.....
18. Milton	8	36	6	30	1	8	.....
19. New Hope	8	60	6	45	.....	5	10
20. Newberne	12	74	9	45	.....	75	.....
21. Oxford	6	60	6	45	.....	.....	97
22. Raleigh First Church	18	142	14	84	.....	66	9
23. Rocky Mount	6	35	5	30	.....	28	37
24. Reidsville	10	86	9	50	.....	49	2
25. Stony Creek	6	100	4	63	.....	8	.....
26. Spring Wood	3	45	3	40	.....	2	.....
27. Tarboro	8	30	7	24	.....	11	.....
28. Washington	25	147	20	110	.....	35	3
29. Wentworth	10	60	8	40	2	.....	12
30. Winston	13	88	7	57	.....	48	35
31. Mission Chapel } Miss.Schools	13	90	80	70	.....	73	.....
32. Concord } Gr'nsb'ro ch.	3	40	2	30	.....	.....	.....
33. Alamance	9	95	6	54	2	1	2
34. Mebaneville	5	100	5	70	2	20	5
35. Raleigh Second Church	6	29	6	18	.....	5	3
36. Nahalah	5	40	3	30	1	30	1
37. Red House	4	25	2	15	.....	3	2
38. Greir's (sch'l, but no statistics)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
39. Gulf (Union)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
40. Mt.Vernon (Un.) part un. sess.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	320	2401	251	1686	101	$720	$240

REMARKS.—Ten other churches have no school, by reason of scattered congregations, no children, &c. Schools are under control of session and attended by pastors and church officers, and have occasional special services. The Catechisms are taught, and the Children's Friend is taken. Scripture is memorized by part of the schools; and as helps lesson papers are used generally. There has been special religious interest in a few schools. There is generally a failure to take up collections for the seven objects of Systematic Benevolence: and a large failure in general attendance of the scholars on Public Worship. No more is done among the colored people for the reason that they generally have schools or churches of their own. We have 65 churches, so a number have failed to report. Presbytery has adopted a plan for holding a series of Sabbath School Conventions.

L. C. VASS, *Agent of Sabbath Schools.*

G.---STATISTICAL REPORT.

PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	CHURCHES.	Elders.	Deacons	Added on Examination.	Added on Certificate.	Total Communicants.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	Non-Communicants.	Teachers in S. S. and Bible Classes.	Scholars in S. S. and Bible Classes.	Sustentation.	Evangelistic.	Invalid Fund.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Publication.	Tuskaloosa Institute, Colored.	Presbyterial.	Pastors' Salaries Actually Paid	Congregational.	Miscellaneous.
Jos. M. Atkinson, D. D.	Raleigh, N. C.	Second Church	3	1	2	...	33	1	6	...	6	29	...	...	...	18	...	...	...	5	362	485	44
J. Henry Smith, D. D.	Greensboro, "	Greensboro	7	10	9	17	340	5	15	175	38	306	404	87	11	305	95	12	10	40	1700	606	68
F. H. Johnston, D. D.	Winston, "	Winston	6	5	6	8	142	...	2	60	13	88	25	61	27	242	12	22	9	20	900	597	441
Jas. C. Alexander	Greensboro, "	Buffalo	5	6	...	4	141	...	5	...	7	75	18	10	3	25	6	4	...	11	400	50	....
" "	" "	Bethel	6	8	6	2	160	3	4	...	12	90	4	...	...	9	...	2	2	11	300	40	....
L. C. Vass	Newberne, "	Newberne	4	...	...	5	114	...	10	75	14	74	58	43	19	123	155	40	5	47	1400	242	36
H. T. Darnall.	Durham, "	Durham	4	4	10	21	85	3	1	...	9	50	8	9	9	13	10	6	...	20	975	803	7
T. J. Allison	Bingham School, "	Mebaneville	1	1	3	...	66	1	...	29	5	100	1	25	1	5	1	1	...	12	543	100	....
" "	Oaks, "	Bethlehem	5	4	2	2	68	2	4	28	4	30	3	3	2	5	1	1	...	3	134	7	....
Jas. L. Currie	Hillsboro, "	Eno	3	4	...	1	39	...	...	...	...	...	4	2	...	6	2	...	...	4	150	...	....
" "	Caldwell Institute, "	Little River	9	5	1	2	186	1	3	...	3	25	2	7	3	10	4	4	...	9	...	3	....
" "	McCraig's, "	Stony Creek	4	3	2	...	69	1	...	...	6	100	...	4	5	8	3	...	...	3	100	...	....
" "	Hightower, "	Griers	2	1	...	...	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	7	...	...	...	2	50	...	....
Sam'l M. Smith	Washington, "	Washington	4	5	...	2	185	...	5	134	25	147	24	45	26	56	35	20	16	20	1000	292	72
Jno. S. Watkins, D. D.	Raleigh, "	First Church	8	7	4	8	230	...	...	150	18	142	41	85	26	252	30	23	...	30	1466	458	481
J. N. H. Summerell	Tarboro, "	Tarboro	3	...	1	1	23	...	...	25	8	30	5	10	3	38	14	3	1	8	400	118	36
" "	Rocky Mount, "	Rocky Mount	3	1	...	2	26	1	6	19	6	35	2	3	1	3	2	2	1	...	...	...	....
A. L. Crawford	Lexington, "	Lexington	4	4	3	3	112	2	5	55	16	114	5	4	...	5	4	4	5	16	600	80	82
W. F. Wilhelm	Hillsboro, "	Hillsboro	4	1	6	2	56	2	3	...	10	44	3	7	11	23	64	5	3	6	500	184	....
" "	Chapel Hill, "	Chapel Hill	3	2	7	6	36	1	4	...	5	35	2	5	6	20	6	3	...	4	450	28	....
S. H. Chester	Mebaneville, "	Hawfields	7	6	26	3	175	22	4	...	6	60	5	10	2	22	5	5	...	15	366	500	....
" "	" "	Cross Roads	8	5	23	...	155	16	2	18	6	75	5	...	3	8	4	3	...	...	366	600	83
	Graham, "	Graham, P. E.	5	4	...	...	120	...	...	69	...	...	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	136	....
PASTORS AND STATED SUPPLIES.																							
Robert Burwell, D. D.	Raleigh, "	Oakland, S. S.	2	1	...	1	12	...	1	20	...	...	1	3	1	1	1	...	1	2	60	...	....
Arch. Currie	Greensboro, "	Alamance, S. S.	6	6	2	...	205	...	3	80	9	95	7	25	5	27	1	2	...	11	120	...	89
" "	Gibsonville, "	Spring Wood, S. S.	4	3	...	...	65	...	...	24	3	45	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	3	50	...	....
" "	Company Shops, "	Company Shops, S. S.	2	1	...	...	46	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....
T. U. Faucette	Milton, "	Milton, S. S.	6	4	1	...	95	1	...	35	8	36	20	20	1	9	106	7	...	...	...	...	....
" "	" "	Red House, P. E.	3	3	2	3	41	...	1	18	...	25	6	4	8	8	8	...	...	4	90	112	....
P. H. Dalton	High Point, "	High Point, P.	4	4	...	...	40	...	3	44	7	70	8	6	2	12	3	2	2	5	175	20	4
" "	University Station, "	New Hope, P.	5	3	...	3	101	...	...	20	8	60	3	6	2	4	2	2	1	6	200	150	8
" "	Jamestown, "	Jamestown, S. S.	2	1	2	...	16	2	1	1	9	100	3	3	2	3	2	1	1	2	66	3	2
Cornelius Miller	Madison, "	Madison, S. S.	6	6	5	...	115	3	...	24	10	54	12	7	7	30	6	2	1	...	215	43	....
" "	Wentworth, "	Wentworth, S. S.	4	2	3	...	56	3	...	13	10	50	4	6	3	15	2	...	2	...	160	25	....
" "	Leaksville, "	Leaksville, S. S.	3	1	6	2	22	4	...	10	4	38	6	6	6	9	3	4	4	4	160	...	....
D. I. Craig	Reidsville, "	Reidsville, P.	5	5	2	3	88	1	1	18	10	86	5	15	5	15	66	5	2	10	450	220	....
" "	Ruffin, "	Oak Forest, P.	3	2	...	2	18	...	...	19	...	...	2	4	2	5	3	2	1	2	100	8	....
" "	Ashland, "	Bethesda, S. S.	4	2	...	...	35	...	1	...	...	...	2	4	1	4	3	1	1	2	95	650	....
Alex. Sprunt	Henderson, "	Henderson, P.	3	3	4	7	72	2	10	...	9	62	4	25	4	12	2	2	1	10	400	2246	7
" "	Littleton, "	Littleton, S. S.	1	...	...	...	8	...	...	15	...	...	1	3	1	2	1	1	...	2	....	5	9
" "	Warrenton, "	Warrenton, S. S.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....
EVANGELISTS.																							
Sam'l L. Wilson	Enfield, "	Nahalah	3	3	3	10	35	1	1	15	5	40	...	4	1	2	1	...	...	2	50	300	....
Wm. F. Thom	Mt. Vernon Springs, "	Mt. Vernon	2	2	6	2	29	6	...	8	...	...	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	2	56	506	....
" "	Pittsboro, "	Pittsboro,	3	2	...	...	28	...	...	7	...	...	3	8	2	6	2	1	1	4	85	4	....
" "	Lockville, "	Haywood	2	2	...	...	38	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....
" "	Gulf, "	Gulf	1	1	3	1	13	2	...	5	5	4	2	4	1	3	1	1	1	2	125	5	52
" "	Foust's Mills, "	Calah	2	1	2	...	12	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....
S. H. Isler	Croatan, "	Croatan	4	2	2	1	14	1	...	...	6	27	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	44	14	....
" "	La Grange, "	Lagrange	3	...	4	1	13	2	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	3	....
LICENTIATES.																							
R. B. Wills	Oxford, "	Oxford	5	3	1	1	63	1	1	32	6	60	8	3	10	28	8	1	2	2	...	267	....
" "	Tally Ho, "	Geneva	3	2	7	3	51	...	13	9	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	....
Robt. P. Pell	Williamsboro, "	Nutbush	4	2	...	...	37	...	...	41	...	...	7	10	6	16	6	3	...	6	288	24	44
	Sassafras Fork, "	Shiloh	3	2	5	...	34	1	...	28	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	158	227	6
	" "	Grassy Creek	...	...	...	...	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....
	Oak Hill, "	Oak Hill	2	...	...	...	17	...	1	12	...	...	2	2	2	5	3	3	...	...	...	...	30
WITHOUT CHARGE.		VACANCIES.																					
G. W. Ferrill (infirm)	Tally Ho, "	Mt. Airy	3	...	...	...	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....
C. N. Morrow	Hawthorne, Florida.	Fairfield	4	3	...	...	34	...	...	...	3	13	2	6	1	2	1	1	...	2	...	...	....
Chas. Phillips, D. D.	Chapel Hill, N. C.	Ashboro	2	1	...	...	31	...	...	5	...	...	...	5	...	4	1	...	...	2	75	1	....
C. H. Wiley, D. D.	Winston, "	Worthville	2	1	...	...	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....
W. B. Tidball	Taylorsville, "	Yanceyville	2	...	...	...	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....
Licentiate B. B. Palmer, (c.)	Milton, "	Oregon	1	...	...	...	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....
		Speedwell	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....
Ministers in charge.....24		Louisburg	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....
Ministers without charge. 5		Elkin	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....
Licentiates 3		Horeb .....—65.	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....
Totals,.....			224	161	172	129	4174	93	117	1350	324	2424	$746	$629	$272	$1426	$690	$203	$75	$374	$15434	$10156	$1601

April 1st 1885.

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON, Stated Clerk.

MINUTES

OF THE

TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST SESSION

(AND ADJOURNED MEETINGS)

OF THE

PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE

HELD AT

Hawfield's Church, Alamance Co., N. C.,

AUGUST 19--22, 1885.

SALEM, N. C.
BLUMS' STEAM BOOK AND JOB PRINT.
1885.

MINUTES.

HAWFIELD'S CHURCH, ALAMANCE CO, N. C.
Wednesday, August 19th, 1885, .2 o'clock M.

The Presbytery was called to order and constituted with prayer by the Rev. SAMUEL L. WILSON, Moderator, who also preached a sermon on the "Love of the Spirit"—Rom. 15 ch. 30 v.

ROLL OF MEMBERS PRESENT.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*	*Churches.*
Arch'd. Currie,	W. T. Chalmers,	Madison,
T. U. Faucette,	W. L. Stamps,	Milton.
	J. P. Rainey (2),	Red House.
P. H. Dalton,	M. Shaw,	High Point.
	S. C. Kirkland,	New Hope.
J. H. Smith, D. D.,	R. P. Dick,	Greensboro.
F. H. Johnston, D. D.,	J. M. Rogers,	Winston.
J. C. Alexander,	D. D. Gillespie,	Buffalo.
	A. C. Denny,	Bethel.
C. H. Wiley, D. D., (3).		
L. C. Vass,—	Geo. Allen (2),	Newbern.
C. Miller (2),	W. T. McLean,	Alamance.
T. J. Allison	Robt. Bingham,	Mebaneville.
	A. D. Pickard,	Bethlehem.
J. L. Currie,	N. P. Hall,	Little River.
	J. L. Wilson,	Stony Creek.
S. M. Smith,		
	S. W. Whiting, (2),	Raleigh 1st ch.
S. L. Wilson,	M. T. Savage, (3),	Nahalah.
W. F. Thom,	J. J. White,	Mt. Vernon.
	J. A. Alston (2),	Pittsboro'.
	W. H. Foust,	Calah.
J N. H. Summerell,	O. Williams,	Tarboro'.
S. H. Isler (2)		
	C. E. Parrish (2),	Hillsboro'.
	T. M. Kirkland (2),	Chapel Hill.
S. H. Chester,	J. A. Patton,	Hawfields.
	J. W. Pickett,	Cross Roads.
Alex. Sprunt,		
E. H. Harding, D. D.	A. Tate,	Graham.
19	J. S. Amis,	Oxford,
	S. C. Lindsay,	Kernersville,

MINISTERS ABSENT.

R. Burwell, D. D., Geo. W. Ferrill, C. N. Morrow, C. Phillips, D. D., W. B. Tidball, A. L. Crawford, J. M. Atkinson, D. D., H. T. Darnall, J. S. Watkins, D. D., J. I. Craig and W. F. Wilhelm—11.

Rev. Jas. N. H. Summerell was chosen Moderator, and Rev. Alex. Sprunt, and Ruling Elder Jas. S. Amis were chosen Temporary Clerks.

The Presbytery then took a recess for thre-quarters of an hour.

AFTER RECESS.

The reading of the Minutes of the last Stated Meeting was, on motion, dispensed with.

The Minutes of a *pro re nata* meeting were read, as follows:

Greensboro, N. C., May 12, 1885—12 M.

The Presbytery met on the following call of the Moderator, which was read, viz.:

Tarboro, N. C., May 4, 1885.

Dear Bro.:

This is to inform you that Orange Presbytery is called to meet in Greensboro', N. C., May 12, 1885, at 11 o'clock M., to consider whether a call from Alamance Church for the pastoral service of Rev. C. Miller should be placed in his hands, and if so, and he accepts, to make arrangements for his installation, and for the temporary supply of his present field.

S. L. WILSON, Moderator.

Rev. A. Currie was called to the Chair, and opened the meeting with prayer.

Present: A. Currie, J. H. Smith, D. D., F. H. Johnston, D. D., J. C. Alexander, C. Miller, W. F. Thom, *Ministers.* L. M. Stewart, Alamance; Wm. Wiley, Jamestown; T. B. Donnell, Buffalo, and J. T. Denny, Reidsville, *Ruling Elders.*

A call from Alamance Church for the pastoral services of Cornelius Miller for one-half his time at a salary of $500 was presented, read, found in order and placed in Mr. Miller's hands.

Mr. Miller having signified his acceptance of this call, the following order was taken for his installation:

James C. Alexander to preside, propose the questions, and deliver charge to the people.

J. H. Smith, D. D., to preach a sermon and deliver charge to the pastor.

Time left to discretion of the Committee at any time before the next Stated Meeting of the Presbytery.

Rev. A. Currie was, on motion, directed to supply for the present the field vacated by Mr. Miller, viz.: the churches of Madison, Wentworth and Leaksville.

Adjourned with prayer. A. CURRIE, Moderator.

Attest: F. H. Johnston, *Stated Clerk.*

The Stated Clerk also reported another *pro re rata* meeting, called to meet in Mebaneville on the 5th of June, for the purpose of changing the time of the regular Fall meeting of the Presbytery. This meeting having failed for want of a constitutional quorum, no record of it has been made further than this minute.

The Moderator then announced the following committees:

Minutes of General Assembly: T. J. Allison, R. P. Dick, W. L. Stamp.

Devtioonal Exercises: S. H. Chester, A. Currie, J. A. Patton.

Installations: S. M. Smith, M. Shaw, O. Williams.

Calls and Supplies: J. C. Alexander, L. C. Vass, W. H. Foust, J. M Rogers, C. Miller.

Rev. J. S. Watkins, D. D., was excused for absence from this meeting, and on motion, he was re-appointed to preach at the next Stated Meeting on the same subject on which he had been appointed to preach at this meeting.

The Committee appointed to organize a church at Kernersville, in Forsyth county, if the way be clear, reported that they had attended to that duty on the 30th of May.

The Church was organized with eight communicant members and one baptized non-communicant. Two elders and one deacon were elected and installed. The report was received and approved and the Church was enrolled under the name of Kernersville,—and Stephen C. Lindsay, Ruling Elder, being present, was enrolled as a representative of the church.

Calls for the pastoral services of Licentiate R. B. Willis from the churches of Oxford and Geneva, and of Cornelius Miller from the churches of Spring Wood and Company Shops, were presented, read and referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made a partial report, which was approved.

J. H. Smith, D. D., and Judge R. P. Dick were appointed a committee to select and report subjects for trial pieces to be assigned to candidates E. W. Smith and T. A. Wharton, now at Union Seminary.

E. H. Harding, D. D., was, after the customary examination, received on a letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Ebenezer, and enrolled as a member of this Presbytery.

A call from the Graham church for the pastoral services of Dr. Harding for the whole of his time, on a salary of $1,200, was, on motion, taken from the docket and placed in his hands.

Communications from the Faculty of Union Theological Seminary touching the standing of candidates of this Presbytery and on "absentee ism" were read and referred, on motion, to the Standing Committee on Education—J. H. Smith, D. D., chairman.

Rev. James C. Alexander was re-elected Agent of Home Missions in this Presbytery until the next Stated Meeting.

S. L. Wilson, W. F. Thom and J. W. Pickett were appointed a Committee to examine and report on the Minutes of the Synod of 1884.

Judge R. P. Dick was appointed Trsurerer *pro. tem.*

A communication from Little River Church concerning the apportionment of this church to the Evangelistic Fund was read and referred to the Standing Committee on Assessments.

The Stated Clerk presented, so far as heard from, the reports of churches as to their arrearages on Pastor's Salary and the Evangelistic and Presbyterial Funds.

The standing rule in regard to the time of hearing the reports of Agent of Home Missions and Evangelists was suspended, and it was made the first order for to-morrow afternoon to hear these reports; and the report of the Agent of Foreign Missions was made the first order for Saturday morning.

An unofficial communication from the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Davidson College, sent by him in place of a formal report, was read and referred to a committee consisting of P. H. Dalton, T. J. Allison and J. H. Smith, D. D.

The reports of Licentiates were made the first order of the day for Thursday.

Reports from Missionary Supplies were called for and received.

Presbytery, under these reports, re-appointed J. C. Alexander and J. H. Smith, D. D., to preach this summer at Haw River.

Reports were received from the Commissioners to the last General Assembly. The excuses of three of them for non-attendance were accepted, and the diligence of S. M. Smith, the only attending Commissioner from the Presbytery, was specially commended.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer by S. M. Smith.

SECOND DAY.

AUGUST 20th—9 A. M.

The Presbytery met and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of yesterday's session were read, corrected and approved.

Additional enrollments were made as follows, after satisfactory excuses for tardiness, viz.: C. Miller and S. H. Isler, *Ministers.* Geo. Allen, Newbern, J. A. Alston, Pittsboro'; J. M. Kirkland, Chapel Hill; T. P. Rainey, Red House, *Ruling Elders.*

A communication from the Tarboro' church was received, read and referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies.

To the same committee were also referred, after reading, calls from the churches of Nutbush, Shiloh and Grassy Creek for the pastoral services of Mr. Carr Moore, a candidate under the care of another Presbytery.

A communication from the church of Shiloh concerning the assessments on that church was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

H. T. Darnall presented by letter his excuse, which was accepted, for absence from this meeting.

The Committee on Calls and Supplies made a report in part, recommending that the calls from Oxford and Geneva churches be placed in the hands of Mr. Willis, and that the calls from Company Shops and Spring Wood churches be placed in the hands of Rev. C. Miller. The report was adopted.

Licentiate Willis made a report of his labors, which was approved.

A written report of his labors was received from Licentiate R. P. Pell, which was approved.

The rule requiring devotional exercicees at 10 A. M. on the second day of the session was, on motion, suspended, and these exercises were appointed to be held at 11:30 o'clock this morning,

Presbytery continued to herr reports of Licentiates.

Licentiate B. B. Palmer (colored), made a report of his work through Rev. Messrs. Alexander and Faucette and Ruling Elder John P. Rainey. On motion, the Stated Clerk, with T. U. Faucette and J. P. Rainey were appointed a committee to instruct Licentiate Palmer in reference to his duty to send a written report of his labors to the Presbytery at its Fall meeting.

The Special Committee on the paper from the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Davidson College made the following report, which was received and approved, viz.:

The Committee, to whom was referred the communication from the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Davidson College, beg leave to report:

1st. We are glad to learn that the finances of the College are so well managed, and that the Endowment Fund is growing, and likely to grow.

2nd. We congratulate the Trustees and ourselves that we have again a full Faculty and a President to the manor born. The President we know, and are confident that he will fill his chair with ability, faithfulness and efficiency.

3rd. There were thirty-eight students last year in the College who paid no tuition fees (the sons of ministers and candidates for the ministry). This fact, together with the information given above, demands of us and the churches our sympathy, our prayers, our money and our sons.

P. H. DALTON, Chairman.

E. H. Harding, D. D., asked and obtained leave of absence the remainder of the day, and longer if necessary.

Ruling Elder J. P. Rainey was granted leave of absence also for a few hours.

The members of the Presbytery present who are also Trustees of Davidson College, viz.: Messrs. Alexander, Allison and Allen reported their attendance on the meeting of the Board, and spoke on the condition of the College. Their reports were received and approved.

The resolution of L. C. Vass, which had been placed on the docket (see Min. pp. 77, 102, 144), was taken from the docket, and after discussion its further consideration was deferred.

The committee to install Rev. C. Miller pastor of Alamance church reported that duty attended to on the 15th instant.

The committee appointed to organize a church at Wilson, N. C., if the way be clear, reported that duty performed. Twenty-four communicants members and twenty-six baptized non-communicants were enrolled. One elder and one deacon were chosen and installed. The church was organized on the 26th of July. The report was received and the church was enrolled as the Wilson church.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made a report, which was approved.

Ruling Elders C. E. Parrish, Hillsboro' church, and S. W. Whiting, Raleigh 1st church, were excused for tardiness and enrolled.

Presbytery then engaged in devotional exercises, after which recess was taken until 2:30 P. M.

AFTER RECESS.

Presbytery met.

Rev. Alex. Sprunt and Elders Amis, Denny, Gillespie and McLean were excused from attendance after to-morrow.

Rev. John W. Primrose, of the Wilmington Presbytery, was, on motion, invited to a seat as a corresponding member, and introduced by the Moderator.

Rev. C. Miller announced his acceptance of the calls from Spring Wood and Company Shops churches.

The committee appointed to organize a church at Warrenton, N. C., if the way be clear, reported that a church had been organized there with fifteen communicant members. Two elders were chosen, ordained and installed.

The report was approved.

The Presbytery then attended to the Order of the Day. The Agent of Home Missions submitted a report, in connection with which the reports of the Evangelists and Supplies appointed at the last meeting were heard. These reports were received.

On motion, Wilson, Enfield, Nahalah and Warrenton were grouped as one field, and the Rev. Wm. R. McLelland, of the Presbytery of Eastern Texas, was unanimously elected Evangelist of the Presbytery, and invited to take charge of this field on a salary of $800.

The Agent of Home Missions was instructed to prepare and suggest to Presbytery at this meeting some action in behalf of the Mount Airy church.

The following resolution was adopted; be it

Resolved, That hereafter, in the organization of churches, the committee appointed to effect such organization shall enroll, in addition to the

adult members or heads of families, all the baptized children in the households of these members, and report the same to the Presbytery, according to the teaching of the Scriptures, and of our standards—towit: that "the visible church consists of those that profess the true religion, together with their children."

The following report of the committee on the resolution of L. C. Vass was received, and, on motion, placed on the docket.

Your committee on the docketed resolution (p. 77 of minutes) reported from the minutes of 1841, report as follows:

We recommend that the Stated Clerk have a blank printed with this resolution at its head and a copy sent to each minister and licentiate annually before each Fall meeting of Presbytery.

Also, that it be stated on the blank that the Presbytery expects a brief but clear and specific report on each head named, embracing a statement of the number of services held on the Sabbath, and the number in the week; the number of pastoral visitations, and any other items deemed necessary to give Presbytery knowledge as to the character of each laborer's work, and to enable the court to follow up the design intended by the resolution and expressed therein.

Leave of absence after this evening's session was granted to Messrs. Williams and T. M. Kirkland, and after to-morrow's session to Messrs. Whiting and Dick.

The Presbytery then adjourned till to-morrow at 9 A.M.

Closed with prayer by S. L. Wilson.

THIRD DAY.

August 21st—9 A. M.

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer by Elder J. S. Amis.

The Minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and approved.

The Committee on Calls and Supplies reported that the calls from Nutbush, Grassy Creek and Shiloh churches for the pastoral services of Mr. Carr Moore were in order, and recommended that these calls be docketed. The committee further reported that the amended call from the Tarboro church for the pastoral services of J. N. H. Summerell was in order, and recommended that the call be placed in Mr. Summerell's hands with the understanding that it be not accepted until the churches of the Nahalah group are supplied.

These recommendations were adopted.

Alex. Sprunt was directed to preach one Sabbath in the month at Littleton.

Arch'd. Currie was directed to supply Wentworth, Leaksville and Madison, if the way be clear, until the Spring meeting of the Presbytery, or until otherwise supplied.

N. P. Hall was excused from further attendance after to-morrow morning's session.

C. H. Wiley, D. D., and M. T. Savage, Nahalah church, appeared in Presbytery and were enrolled after rendering excuses for late attendance.

The committee appointed at the last meeting of the Presbytery to prepare a programme for the Sabbath School Convention, to be held to-day, reported the following :

1. Discussion by the Convention. Subject—The Place and Power of the Sabbath School. Opening Address—Rev. L. C. Vass, Newbern, North Carolina.

2. Address—Judge R. P. Dick, Greensboro, N. C. Subject—Children in Profane and Sacred History.

3. Discussion by the Convention. Subject—Advantages and Disadvantages of the International Lesson Series. Opening Address—A. M. McPheeters, Esq., Raleigh, N. C.

The Convention will meet at 9 o'clock A. M., and be called to order and opened with prayer by the Moderator of Presbytery.

After the enrollment of delegates the Convention will elect officers.

The committee is of the opinion that the opening speeches on the discussions should be limited to twenty minutes, and all the other speeches on the same should be limited to ten minutes.

The programme above has been prepared by order of the Presbytery.

T. J. ALLISON,
W. F. WILHELM, } Committee.
W. S. PRIMROSE.

The Presbytery then took a recess until after the meeting of the Convention.

AFTER RECESS.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Faculty of Union Seminary reported as follows :

The Committee on Education, to whom was referred the report of the Faculty of Union Theological Seminary to the Presbytery of Orange on the standing of its two candidates during the session of 1884–'85, would express their great pleasure in receiving a report that attests such study and proficiency and so high a grade of scholarship as has been reached by both our young men there. Complete success is denoted by the number 10. Mr. E. W. Smith ranges from 10 to 9.7-10, and his average is 9.85-100. Mr. T. A. Warton ranges from 10 to 8.9-10, and his average is 9.50-100. As to absences, the Faculty report that Mr. E. W. Smith was absent from eight recitations during the eight months' session, and that Mr. T. A. Wharton was absent from nineteen recitations during the same session. The Faculty simply report the absences without informing the Presbytery whether the student was called upon for an excuse or reason of his absence or not. Your committee recommend to Presbytery to request the Faculty to call for reasons for absence and report to us both the number of absences and the reasons, if any, assigned by the student. Otherwise it will be impossible for Presbytery to know the facts in the case, the session being over at the date of these reports and the students not present at our meetings. We feel, however, that an absence from eight recitations, or even nineteen, during perhaps five hundred recitations in the course of the session, may readily occur without calling for special notice, or still less for censure.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Installations reported as follows, and the report was adopted. The Committee on Installations recommend that

1. E. H. Harding, D. D., be installed at Graham at such time as the church and committee, after correspondence, shall agree upon. F. H. Johnston, D. D., to preside, propose the constitutional questions and charge the people. J. H. Smith, D. D., to preach and charge the pastor.

2. Cornelius Miller be installed at Company Shops on the fourth Sabbath of September. E. H. Harding, D. D., to preside, propose the constitutional questions and charge the pastor. S. H. Chester to preach the sermon and charge the people. At Spring Wood on the second Sabbath of October. J. C. Alexander to preside, &c., and charge the people. F. H. Johnston, D. D., to preach and charge the pastor.

Inasmuch as there are calls for services of Licentiate R. B. Willis, your committee recommend that when Presbytery adjourns, it adjourn to meet in Oxford on Saturday before the second Sabbath in October to examine and ordain Mr. Willis and arrange for his installation and any other similar matter that may come before them.

S. C. Kirkland was excused from further attendance after to-day.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock, being closed with prayer by Dr. Harding.

FOURTH DAY.

AUGUST 22d—9 A. M.

The Presbytery met and was opened with prayer by W. L. Stamps.

The minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and approved.

A communication from Rev. W. A. Scott, pastor of colored church near Mebaneville, asking for some one to preach for his people to-morrow was read and referred to the Committee on Devotional Exercises.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be allowed to send an attested copy of the printed minutes to the Synod for review.

S. L. Wilson was at his own request transferred to the Presbytery of West Hanover.

The following trial pieces were assigned to the candidates of the Presbytery now in the Seminary, viz:

To Mr. E. W. Smith:
Text for sermon—I. Tim., 1 ch., 15 v.
Popular lecture—II. Peter 1 ch., 5-11 vs.
Critical Exercise—Hebrews VI. ch., 1-3 vs.
Latin Thesis—"*Est ne Petrus in ullo sensu caput ecclesiæ, aut Christi in terra?*"

To Mr. T. A. Wharton:
Text for sermon—I. John, 3 ch., 1 v.
Popular lecture—Matt., 5 ch. 1-12 vs.
Critical exercise—Isaiah 61 ch., 1-3 vs.
Latin Thesis—"*An bona opera sint meritoria vitiæ eternæ.*"

Mr. R. B. Willis having signified his acceptance of the calls placed in his hands, he was directed to prepare for his ordination at the meeting at

Oxford, and the first verse of the fifth chapter of Romans was assigned as the text for his trial sermon.

The committee to install Alexander Sprunt at Henderson reported that they had performed that duty. The report was received and the committee discharged.

The committee to install T. U. Faucette at Red House church reported that duty performed on the first Sabbath of August. The report was received and the committee discharged.

A biographical sketch of the late Drury Lacy, D. D., prepared by John S. Watkins, D. D., was read and ordered to be recorded in the Presbytery's book of biographical sketches.

James C. Alexander was re-elected a Trustee of Davidson College for a term of five years.

The Presbytery directed that historical sketches of churches in its bounds be written, as follows:

Of Hawfield's church, by Stephen A. White, Ruling Elder of that church.
Of Eno church, by Rev. James L. Currie.
Of Shiloh church, by Ruling Elder Nathaniel V. Watkins.
Of Oxford church, by Ruling Elder James A. Amis.
Of Pittsboro church, by Ruling Elder John A. Womack.
Of Ashboro church, by Ruling Elder A. C. McAllister.
Of Geneva church, by Rev. R. B. Willis.
Of Graham church, by Rev. A. Currie.
Of Yanceyville church, by Ruling Elder R. B. Watt.

The Stated Clerk was directed to notify the first five on the roll to have their sketches prepared for report to the next meeting of the Presbytery.

Wilson was chosen as the place and Wednesday before the third Sabbath in April, at 7:30 P. M., as the time of the next Stated Meeting.

The Agent of Foreign Missions, James L. Currie, made a report, which was received.

The Committee on Assessments was directed to apportion among the churches of the Presbytery the sum of $2,000 for Foreign Missions, and to notify them respectively.

The Agent of Home Missions recommended the following appointments of brethren as occasional Supplies:

Mt. Airy—C. H. Wiley, J. H. Smith.
Ashboro and Worthville—Johnston, Crawford, Miller.
Yanceyville—J. L. Currie, A. Currie, Craig.
Warrenton—Darnall, Sprunt, Atkinson.
Nahalah—S. M. Smith, Summerell, Willis.
Neuse River Field—Vass, Wilhelm.
Chatham Field—Chester, Allison.
Kernersville—Dalton; two Sabbaths.
Selma—Harding.
Enfield—Watkins.

One Sabbath each and as many week days as may be necessary to be spent in this service.

These appointments were approved.

The Committee on the Minutes of the last General Assembly made the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly beg leave to submit the following report:

1st. On certain decisions of the General Assembly, simply for the information of the Presbytery.

(*a.*) The Assembly declined to consolidate the Secretaryships. Ans. to overture No. 1, p. 400.

(*b.*) It declined to accept any amendment looking to a change in the Conf. of Faith and Catechism. Overture No. 7, p. 401.

(*c.*) It directed the Stated Clerk to send, without charge, a copy of Assembly Minutes to every minister of the church. P. 404.

(*d.*) It declined to take any steps looking to a change in our Standard of Ministerial Education or Qualifications—p. 415.

(*e.*) The Assembly directed the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions to establish a Mission in Japan and the Valley of the Amazon, as soon as the way be clear.

It directs the Committee of Home Missions to make appropriations for repairs or erecting church edifices, not as donation, but as loans, to be refunded by annual instalments within five years without interest—p. 422.

Also, the employment of white or colored ministers to labor among the colored race at the expense of the Committee of Home Missions, they being subject in every other respect to authority of the Presbytery—p. 423.

(*f.*) The question of expunging from the Conf. of Faith the clause prohibiting a man from marrying his deceased wife's sister, was referred to the next Assembly.

II. The Committee would report the following for the action of Presbytery:

1. The Assembly recommended that the Presbyteries hereafter specify in their statistical reports how many of the candidates for the ministry are white and how many colored. And that the Presbyterial application for aid proposed by the Executive Committee be approved as a judicious safeguard against imposition.

Recommended that this Presbytery comply with the recommendation of the Assembly.

2. The Assembly urges the Presbyteries to give all diligence to have our own churches and Sabbath Schools purchase our own school literature and make purchases from other sources through our committee. Recommended that our churches and Sabbath Schools be hereby urged to patronize our own Executive Committee in their purchase of school literature.

3. The Assembly sends down to the Presbyteries for their advice and consent five amendments—three to the Form of Government, and two to the Rules of Discipline.

Recommended that these amendments be referred to a special committee to consider and report at the next Spring meeting of Presbytery.

4. The Assembly sends down the Directory for Worship to the Presbyteries for examination and criticism.

Recommended that the Directory for Worship be referred to a special committee to examine, criticise and report at the Spring meeting of the Presbytery.

5. The Assembly recommends to the Presbyteries to instruct every minister to preach a sermon upon Family Worship during October, to be followed by one on Parental Responsibility ; also, a sermon on Sabbath Observance. Recommended: The Presbytery directs every minister to preach upon these subjects during October, or as soon thereafter as practicable. And that each minister be required to report the performance of this duty at the next meeting of Presbytery.

6. The Assembly calls attention of the Sessions of Churches to the violation of the Sabbath, and that persistent violation of the Fourth Commandment be regarded as an offence demanding and justifying suspension.

7. Recommended that this Presbytery regrets that the Stated Clerk of the Assembly should have omitted the publication in full of all the overtures sent up to the Assembly from the Presbyteries, and upon which the Assembly took action.

J. T. ALLISON, Chairman.

The Moderator appointed the committees called for above as follows:

On the Proposed Amendments to the Book of Church Order.—Rev. Messrs. T. J. Allison and S. M. Smith, with Ruling Elder A. McPheeters.

On the Revised Directory for Worship.—Rev. Messrs. Vass and Isler, with Ruling Elder George Allen.

A paper memorializing the Presbytery to hold a Sabbath School Convention annually was received from the convention held on yesterday.

The Presbytery, on motion, agreed to the request of that body, and appointed Messrs. Chester and Darnall, with Ruling Elder Morehead, a committee to report at the next meeting on the best method of conducting a Sabbath School Convention.

The Committee on the Minutes of the Synod made the following report, which was adopted :

The committee appointed to examine the Minutes of Synod beg leave to report :

1. On page 527 the Synod endorses and reiterates the order of the Assembly to the Presbyteries to enjoin upon their sessions to take notice of violations of the sanctity of the Sabbath day, and, if necessary, to administer discipline, at least so far as to admonish and reprove.

Your committee recommend that in compliance with this order a letter be sent down through the Stated Clerk to the sessions of this Presbytery enjoining upon them the duties above set forth, and further directing that persistent violation of the sanctity of the Sabbath be deemed sufficient cause for suspension.

On page 527 Synod calls attention to the fact that our Publishing Committee at Richmond is called "The Executive Committee of Publication." We recommend that all our ministers be directed to instruct their congregations, and especially the officers of the church and of the Sabbath Schools in regard to our publishing arrangements.

3. On page 528 Synod recommends to the Presbyteries co-operating with the Home Missions Committee of the General Assembly in putting vacant charges and unemployed ministers in correspondence.

4. On page 529 Synod urges Presbyteries to adopt measures for rendering pastoral support more flexible.

The committee makes no suggestions as to these two recommendations.

On page 530 we find the following recommendatory resolutions:

1. That in view of the great importance of this cause (publication) and the vast amount of good which may be accomplished by extending the circulation of a good, sound, religious literature, the Presbyteries be enjoined to urge upon their churches a larger degree of liberality in the support of this work, and especially that an effort be made to decrease the number of non-contributing churches.

2. That the Synod notes with great thankfulness and encouragement that the work of Colportage seems to have received a larger share of attention, and to have been prosecuted with greater energy than in some years past, and expresses its judgment that a diligent effort should be made in every Presbytery to extend its work.

3. That the Synod urges upon the Presbyteries to recommend to the use of their churches and Sabbath Schools the papers, lesson-helps and all other Sabbath School literature published and endorsed by the Assembly's Executive Committee, and to discourage the use of the publications of unknown and irresponsible parties.

S. L. WILSON, Chairman.

The Committee on Assessments made the following recommendations, which were adopted:

That the apportionment to the Evangelistic Fund of the churches named be increased and reduced as follows:

Increased.—Geneva, $5 to $8; Oxford, $12 to $15; Rocky Mount, $3 to $5.

Reduced.—High Point, $8 to $6; Little River, $20 to $15; New Hope, $8 to $6.

That the Presbyterial Assessment upon the churches named, be changed as follows:

Increased.—Geneva, $3 to $5; Graham, $20 to $25; Rocky Mount, $2 to $3.

Reduced.—High Point, $10 to $5.

The committee recommend that the newly-organized churches be assessed as follows:

To the Presbyterial Fund: Kernersville, $1; Wilson, $2; Worthville $2; Warrenton, $2.

To the Evangelistic Fund: Kernersville, $1; Wilson, $1; Worthville, $1; Warrenton, $1.

The committee further recommend that all arrears up to April 1, 1885, to these funds be remitted to the churches of Little River, Shiloh, High Point, New Hope and Stony Creek.

J. C. ALEXANDER,
F. H. JOHNSTON,
J. H. LINDSAY,
Standing Committee on Assessments.

A Communication from Dr. Craig, Assembly's Secretary of Home Missions, was referred to the Committee on Assssments, with instructions to apportion among our churches nine hundred dollars, to be raised for Sustentation for the year ending April 1, 1885.

Dr. Smith, chairman of Presbyterial Committee of Education, made the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your chairman of Committee of Education would ask the Presbytery at this meeting to enjoin most solemnly upon all pastors, ministers or sessions that may have failed to take up a collection for Education during

the past year to do so as soon as possible, and by no means to overlook the approaching collection in November. The increase in the number of our candidates calls for our thanksgiving to God, and for liberal and increased contributions to this great cause. We reported as a Presbytery according to the minutes of the Assembly for the year ending April 1, 1885, $690, but a large part of this amount did not go into the hands of our Assembly's Treasurer. Cannot our contributions be increased, if all the churches will listen to and heed the calls which God is now making for this cause?

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Presbytery emphasizes anew the great practical importance of the Monthly Concert as a means of instructing the people in the cause of Foreign Missions and developing interest therein, and in increasing contributions therefor. Presbytery hereby earnestly urges every pastor to devote at least one service in each month to the Monthly Concert, and to take up a collection at the same.

Ordered, That one hundred dollars be paid to the church at Wilson.

Ordered, That the Presbyterians living in Enfield be informed through J. N. H. Summerell that Presbytery will give two hundred dollars as soon as the church is completed and title made to the trustees of Presbytery.

The following resolution was unnaimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered, to the congregation of Hawfields for their kind and Christian hospitality toward the members of Presbytery, and to the railroads for their kindness in affording reduced fair in going to and returning from this meeting.

Resolved, That Presbytery will hold an adjourned meeting at Reidsville during the sessions of the Synod at the call of the Moderator.

The Committee appointed to organize a church at Kinston, if the way be clear, was, on motion, continued.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Oxford on Saturday, the 10th of October, at 9 A. M.

Closed with singing, prayer and apostolic benediction.

(Signed.) ALEX. SPRUNT,
JAS. S. AMIS,
Temporary Clerks.

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON,
Stated Clerk.

MINUTES

OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING AT OXFORD.

OXFORD, N. C., October 10th, 1885—9 A. M.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by REV. T. J. ALLISON, the last Moderator present.

PRESENT.

Rev. Messrs. T. J. Allison, J. S. Watkins, D. D., and Alex. Sprunt, with Ruling Elders Jas. S. Amis, of Oxford, L. E. Amis, of Shiloh, and N. D Morton, of Oak Hill.

Licentiate Carr Moore was received from the East Hanover Presbytery, under the care of this Presbytery.

Calls for the pastoral services of Mr. Moore from the churches of Nutbush, Shiloh and Grassy Creek were taken from the docket, placed in the hands of Mr. Moore and accepted by him.

The Presbytery then proceeded to the examination of Licentiate R. B. Willis and Carr Moore, with a view to their ordination.

The examination upon experimental religion and their motives for seeking the gospel ministry was sustained.

Pending their examination upon Mental and Moral Philosophy, it was made the order of the day at 11:30 A. M. to hear the trial sermon of Mr. Moore, and Luke, VII. ch. 13 v. was assigned him as the text for his sermon.

On motion, recess was taken for ten minutes, after which Presbytery heard the sermon of Mr. Moore, which was sustained as a satisfactory part of trial.

The examination of the candidates on Mental and Moral Philosophy, Theology, Greek and Hebrew were each sustained.

Presbytery then took recess till 2:30 P. M.

AFTER RECESS.

Presbytery re-assembled and examined the candidates upon Church History, Church Government and the Sacraments, which were severally sustained.

Owing to the short interval since the reception by Licentiate Willis of the text assigned by Presbytery at Hawfields for his ordination sermon the first nine verses of the first chapter of Isaiah were substituted for this text. This sermon was then preached and sustained.

The examinations as a whole were then sustained as satisfactory.

Rev. Alex. Sprunt and Elder J. S. Amis were appointed a committee to arrange for the installations of these brethren over their respective charges.

Recess was, on motion, taken for ten minutes, after which the candidates were solemnly set apart to the Gospel Ministry by prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery according to apostolic example.

The Committee on Installations made the following report, which was adopted:

To install R. B. Willis at Oxford on October 11th.

Rev. J. T. Allison to preside, propose the constitutional questions and charge the people.

Rev. J. S. Watkins, D. D., to preach and charge the pastor.

To install R. B. Willis at Geneva, October 18th.

Rev. Alex. Sprunt to preside, preach, propound constitutional questions and charge the people.

Rev. T. C. Faucette to charge the pastor.

To install Carr Moore at Nutbush on the fifth Sabbath in November.

Rev. J. S. Watkins, D. D., to preside, preach and propose the constitutional questions. Rev. Alex. Sprunt to charge the pastor and R. B. Willis to charge the people.

To install Carr Moore at Shiloh on the Second Sabbath in November.

Rev. J. M. Atkinson, D. D., to preside, preach and propound the constitutional questions and charge the pastor. Rev. R B. Willis to charge the people.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Reidsville during the sessions of Synod at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with prayer and the benediction.

ALEX. SPRUNT,
JAS. S. AMIS,
Temporary Clerks.

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON,
Stated Clerk.

MINUTES
OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING AT REIDSVILLE.

REIDSVILLE, N. C., October 21, 1885.

In the absence of the Moderator the Presbytery was called to order, according to adjournment, by the Stated Clerk.

Opened with prayer.

PRESENT.

J. H. Smith, D. D., F. H. Johnston, D. D., J. C. Alexander, L. C. Vass, W. F. Wilhelm, A. Currie, H. S. Darnall, P. H. Dalton, J. S. Watkins, D. D., E. H. Harding, D. D., D. I. Craig, T. H. Chester, T. U Faucette, and Alexander Sprunt, *Ministers.*

W. L. Stamps, from Milton, S. C. Smith, from Greensboro, S. Neal, from Winston, W. B Carter, from Madison, J. M. McIver, from the Gulf, *Ruling Elders.*

A communication was received from T J. Allison enclosing a call from Fairfield church for the pastoral services of Rev. J. L. Currie for one-fourth of his time, which call was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies.

On motion, Mr. John M McIver was added to this committee.

A communication from the Grassy Creek church, asking that Rev. Carr Moore be installed at Grassy Creek church on the third Sabbath of November, was laid before the Presbytery.

On motion, the committee appointed to install Mr. Moore at Shiloh (Messrs. Atkinson and Willis) were appointed to install him; also at Grassy Creek at such time as would be most convenient to the committee and the church.

Rev. R B Willis to preside and charge the pastor. Rev. J. M. Atkinson, D. D., to preach and charge the people.

A communication from Mr. Jesse H. Lindsay, Treasurer of Presbytery, was read in reference to a sum of money paid to Rev. H. T. Darnell, according to an order of the Presbytery, but which had been returned, and some other funds in his hands for publication.

On motion, the Treasurer was directed to forward eighty dollars ($80) of this sum which had been retained by the Presbytery to the General Assembly's Treasurer of Publication.

A request from the Kernersville church to be supplied with monthly Sabbath-day preaching was received and referred to the Agent of Home Missions, with directions to do the best he could in behalf of the church

On motion Dr. Johnston appointed to visit Worthville and Ashboro, and Dr. Smith, appointed to visit Mt. Airy, were permitted to exchange appointments.

A communication from Concord Presbytery giving notice of calls from Bethany and other churches in that Presybtery for the pastoral services of Rev. W. F. Thom, and permission to prosecute them before this Presbytery, was read. The calls were also read, and upon motion to place them in Mr. Thom's hands. Rev. J. A. Ramsey, of the Presbytery of Concord, being present, was heard in behalf of said churches.

Presbytery, however, declined to place the calls in the hands of Mr. Thom, and they were ordered to be returned to the Presbytery of Concord.

The Committee on Calls reported, recommending that the call of the Fairfield church be not placed in the hands of Rev. James L. Currie.

Ruling Elder ——— Clarke, commissioner from the church, was heard.

The recommendation of the committee was adopted.

Rev. Wm. B. Tidball was at his own request transferred by usual letter of discussion to the Presbytery of Concord.

Rev. J. P. McPherson, of the Presbytery of Fayetteville, was allowed to preach one Sabbath in the month at Haywood church in Chatham county. The extent of time for which this permission shall hold good, was referred to the discretion of the Agent of Home Missions.

Fifty dollars was appropriated to aid the Yanceyville church in getting a supply for the next twelve months, or at the rate of fifty dollars per annum.

The minutes were read and approved, and the Presbytery adjourned to meet at Wilson, N. C., on Wednesday before the third Sabbath in April next, at 7:30 P. M.

Closed with prayer.

Signed. ALEX. SPUNT,
Temporary Clerk.

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON,
Stated Clerk.

The record of the proceedings of Orange Presbytery, done in their 229th and 230th sessions, and all intermediate meetings, having been submitted to the Synod for review, the following entry was recorded, viz.:

Synod of North Carolina,
Reidsville, N. C., October 22d, 1882.
Examined and approved.

JAS. C. ALEXANDER,
Moderator of Synod.

MINUTES

OF THE

TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SECOND SESSION

(AND ADJOURNED MEETING)

OF THE

PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE,

HELD AT

WILSON, NORTH CAROLINA,

APRIL 14--17, 1886.

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MINUTES.

WILSON, N. C., April 14, 1886.
Wednesday, 8 P. M.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer, by the Rev. J. H. SMITH, D. D., after which the Rev. S. H. CHESTER, preached a sermon from John 4c : 10v.

ROLL OF MEMBERS.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*	*Churches.*
Arch'd Currie.		
T. U. Faucette.	W. G. Smith.	Red House.
J. M. Atkinson, D. D.	P. P. Peace.	Raleigh 2d ch.
P. H. Dalton.		
J. H. Smith, D. D.	R. F. Robertson.	Greensboro.
E. H. Harding, D. D.		
F. H. Johnston, D. D.		
J. C. Alexander,		
L. C. Vass.		
H. T. Darnall, (2).		
C. Miller.	J. A. Macaulay, (2).	Company Shops.
T. J. Allison, (2).	D. F. Morrow. (2).	Bethlehem.
S. M. Smith.		
J. S. Watkins, D. D.	A. M. McPheeters.	Raleigh 2d ch.
D. I. Craig.	J. M. Andrews.	Reidsville.
Wm. F. Thom.		
J. N. H. Summerell.	O. Williams.	Tarboro.
A. L. Crawford, (2).	J. J. White, (2).	Rocky Mount.
S. H. Isler.		
W. F. Wilhelm.		
S. H. Chester.		
Alex. Sprunt.	J. R. Young.	Henderson.
	R. A. Patterson.	Littleton.
R. B. Willis.		
Carr Moore.	T. A. Eppes.	Nutbush.
—24.	M. T. Savage.	Nahalah.
	Jno. Hutchinson.	Wilson.
	W. B. Crinkley.	Warrenton.
	S. M. Wilkinson, (2).	Fairfield.
	—16.	

MINISTERS ABSENT.

R. Burwell, D. D., Jas. L. Currie, G. W. Ferrill, C. N. Morrow, C. Phillips, D. D., C. H. Wiley, D. D.—6.

FIFTY-ONE churches were not represented.

Rev. ALEXANDER SPRUNT was chosen Moderator, and Rev. R. B. Willis and Ruling Elder J. R. YOUNG were elected temporary clerks.

It was resolved, That public worship with sermon be held every day of the session of the Presbytery at 11 A. M., and 7:45 P. M.

On motion, the Rev. W. R. McLelland, of the Presbytery of Eastern Texas, being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member, and introduced to the Presbytery. Also, the Rev. J. R. Brooks, of the M. E. Church, and Rev. J. M. McMannaway, of the Baptist Church, being present, were invited to sit as visiting brethren, and were introduced by the Moderator.

The Presbytery then adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer by P. H. Dalton.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, April 15, 9 A. M.

The Presbytery was called to order, and opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

R. F. Robertson was, on motion, appointed Treasurer *pro tem.*

Messrs. T. J. Allison, H. T. Darnall and W. F. Wilhelm, *Ministers;* and Messrs. D. F. Morrow (Bethlehem church), S. M. Wilkinson (Fair field), and J. A. Macaulay (Company Shops), *Ruling Elders*, appeared and were enrolled after hearing their excuses for tardiness.

Rev. Messrs. Crawford, Atkinson and Wilhelm were excused for absence at the last stated meeting at Hawfield's church.

The reading of the Minutes of the last meeting was, on motion dispensed with.

The Minutes of a *pro re nata* meeting at Greensboro were read as follows:

GREENSBORO, N. C., January 5, 1886.

The Presbytery met in pursuance of the following circular notice which was read:

"Application having been made to me in due form I hereby call a meeting of Orange Presbytery in Greensboro, N. C., on Tuesday, Jan. 5, 1886, at 11 o'clock A. M. M. The object of the meeting is to consider a call from the Madison church (also probably from Wentworth and Leaksville churches) for the pastoral services of the Rev. T. P. Epes of East

Hanover Presbytery; and to authorize said church (or churches) to prosecute their call before that Presbytery.

JAS. N. H. SUMMERELL, *Moderator.*

F. H. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

Dated at Winston, N. C., Dec. 23d, 1885.

There were present, J. H. Smith, D. D., F. H. Johnston, D. D., and Cornelius Miller, with Ruling Elders R. F. Robertson, of Greensboro church, and W. F. Anderson, of Madison church.

Rev. C. Miller was called to act as Moderator, and the meeting was opened with prayer.

Calls for the pastorate services of the Rev. T. P. Epes of East Hanover Presbytery from the churches of Madison and Leaksville for one-half and one-fourth of his time respectively, were presented, read and found in order.

There was also laid before the Presbytery a request from the Wentworth church to be permitted to employ the services of Mr. Epes as Stated Supply, for one Sabbath in the month in case he should accept the above calls.

On motion, the request was granted.

On motion, it was ordered that the above calls be certified and forwarded to the Presbytery of East Hanover, and the churches of Madison and Leaksville were authorized to prosecute the same before said Presbytery. Closed with prayer.

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

The following Committees were appointed:

1. *To prepare a narrative for the General Assembly and Synod:*
   S. M. Smith, J. M. Atkinson, and A. M. McPheeters.
2. *To prepare a report on Systematic Benevolence:*
   S. H. Chester, E. H. Harding, and M. T. Savage.
3. *On reports of Sessions on Sessional Duties:*
   H. T. Darnall, T. U. Faucette, and R. A. Patterson.
4. *On Treasurer's Accounts:*
   Messrs. Hutchinson and Crinkley.
5. *On Sessional Records:*
   Section A—C. Miller and O. Williams.
   Section B—J. N. H. Summerell and T. A. Eppes.
   Section C—W. F. Wilhelm and R. F. Robertson.
   Section D—W. F. Thom and W. G. Smith.
6. *On Minutes of the Synod:*
   J. H. Smith, S. H. Isler and P. P. Peace.
7. *On Devotional Exercises:*
   J. N. H. Summerell and Jno. Hutchinson.
8. *Installations:*
   D. I. Craig, P. H. Dalton and A. M. McPheeters.
9. *Calls and Supplies:*
   J. C. Alexander, L. C. Vass, J. M. Andrews.

On motion, Elders, McPheeters, and Williams were added to the Special Committee on the Presbyterial Fund.

A communication from the Woman's Christian Temperance Union was read before the Presbytery and referred to a Committee consisting of

J. H. Smith, D. D., A. L. Crawford and R. F. Robertson, to recommend a suitable response.

A letter from the Rev. C. N. Morrow residing in Florida for the benefit of his health, was receiyed and read, and the Stated Clerk was directed to write him a letter of sympathy.

A communication from the Presbytery of Mecklenburg asking that Mr. T. A. Wharton a candidate of this Presbytery be transferred to them, was read, and, on motion, the matter was laid over to an adjourned meeting to be held in Greensboro.

A communication from the Faculty of Union Theological Seminary in reply to a request of this Presbytery (See Minutes page 156) was received and read.

A letter from Jas. L. Currie rendering his excuse for absence from the present meeting was read, and the excuse sustained.

Ordered, that an adjourned meeting of this Presbytery be held in Greenboro on Tuesday, May 11, at 10 A. M.

A report from the Committee on Devotional Exercises was received and approved, recommending that Presbytery hear the semi-annual Sermon by J. S. Watkins, D. D., at 8 o'clock this evening.

On motion the standing order for Devotional Exercises was postponed till 5 o'clock P. M.

J. J. White, Elder from Rocky Mount church appeared and was enrolled.

Mr. E. W. Smith, Candidate, was at his own request assigned the following texts of Scripture for trial Sermon and Lecture in place of the texts heretofore assigned; viz: For Sermon—Eph. 6: 17, 1st clause. For Lecture—Matt. 15: 21–28.

A communication from the Assembly's Committee on the Sabbath was read and referred to the Presbyterial Committee on the same subject, J. M. Atkinson, D. D., chairman.

A communication from the General Assembly's Secretary of Education, was read and referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

An application for the services of Rev. J. P. McPherson as Stated Supply from the Haywood church was referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies.

A private communication touching greivances in the same church was referred to a special committee consisting of Messrs. Johnston and Darnall, to report to this meeting.

A communication from B. F. White of the Cross Roads church touching personal grievance was referred to a special Committee consisting of Messrs. Watkins, Crawford, and O. Williams to report to this meeting.

The reference of the paper from the Assembly's Secretary of Education to the Committee on Education was reconsidered, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

The report of the Treasurer of Presbytery was read and referred to the Committee on Treasurer's Book and Accounts.

Various calls for services of Pastor, and of Stated Supplies were read and referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies.

It was made the order for 2:30 o'clock this P. M., to hear the reports of the churches on the state of religion.

The Presbytery then took recess until 2:30 P. M.

AFTER RECESS.

Elder S. M. Wilkinson was excused from farther attendance after this evening's session.

The Rev. B. F. Marable of the Presbytery of Wilmington, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member, and introduced to the Presbytery.

The report of the Committee on Best Methods of conducting Sabbath School Conventions (See Minutes, page 160) was received and docketed.

J. N. H. Summerell was at his own request excused from serving on the Committee to review Sessional Records, and S. H. Isler was appointed in his place.

It was made the first order of the day to-morrow morning to hear the report of the Committee on Education ; and the second order to hear the report of the Agent of Home Missions.

Reports from Licentiates B. B. Palmer and R. P. Pell were read and approved. The latter was at his own request permitted to labor during the Summer beyond the bounds of the Presbytery.

The reports of Missionary Supplies were then heard. Nearly all of the appointments (See Minutes page 158) were fulfilled.

The report of the Committee on Amendments to the Book of Church Order sent down by the General Assembly, was made the third order of day for to-morrow.

The Committee to install E. H. Harding, D. D., Pastor of Graham church reported that the way had not been clear for performance of that duty, and asked to be continued.

The request was granted.

The various Committees appointed to install C. Miller, Pastor of Spring Wood and Company Shops churches ; and R. B. Willis, Pastor of Oxford and Geneva churches, reported duty discharged.

The Committees to install Carr Moore, Pastor of Nutbush, Shiloh and Grassy Creek churches reported non-performance of duty and were accordingly continued.

The Committee to organize a church at Kinston if the way be clear, reported that the way was not clear, and on motion, the Committee was discharged.

F. H. Johnston, D. D., reported in behalf of himself and Maj. R. Bingham, attendance as representatives of this Presbytery, at the Centennial of the Synod of South Carolina held last October in Chester, S. C.

The reports from the churches on the State of religion were then read and referred to the Committee on the Narrative.

The report of the Committee on the Revised Directory for Worship was received, amended and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly.

It is as follows:

Your Committee to whom was referred the "Revised Directory for Worship," sent down by the General Assembly to the Presbyteries "not for adoption, but for their further examination and criticism," respectfully present the following report to Orange Presbytery.

1. We have not deemed it necessary to enter into a minute and elaborate criticism of this Directory proposed by a fragment of the Committee appointed by the Assembly.

2. We prefer the Old Directory decidedly to the one now presented.

3. The "Preliminary Statement of Principles" is a cumbrous chapter, couched in technical terms and forms of expression liable to be misunderstood and needing explanation, if not objectionable in fact. A general statement, in simple and clear phraseology, is all that is desirable here.

4. Several subjects handled in the old Directory are either omitted or unsatisfactorily treated in the New: e. g. protracted meetings are almost discouraged; the public profession of baptized members of the church is unduly hampered; the judicious counsels to ministers about their own preparation for the pulpit is ignored, as well as suggestions about individual fasting and humiliation by believing Christians, and all suggestions about the proper mode of inflicting or announcing public discipline. Then the optional forms for a "Burial" and a "Marriage Service," are greatly lacking in taste, and utterly fail in offering any appropriate model for a prayer.

5. We think there are some improvements in systematizing old material, and the introduction of some new matter, and that an entirely new Committee, taking this Revision with the Criticisms upon it, may be able to prepare an acceptable Directory.

Respectfully submitted,

L. C. VASS, *Chairman*,
S. H. ISLER.

Wilson, N. C. April 15th, 1886.

The following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Presbyterian Church in Wilson has made strenuous efforts to erect a church building, commensurate with the growth and culture of the town. and now worship in it; and whereas, a large debt rests upon this small church; therefore, to show our appreciation of their condition

Resolved, That each Minister of the Presbytery be requested to bring the subject before this Congregation, and a collection be taken up in aid of this faithful band.

After devotional exercises, led by the moderator, the Presbytery took recess till 7:45 P. M.

AFTER RECESS.

The Sermon ordered by the Presbytery on the subject of Parental Responsibility, was preached by John S. Watkins, D. D., after which the

following minute was adopted:

The Presbytery approve heartily of the diligence, force and acceptability with which this duty has been performed.

Presbytery than adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Closed with prayer.

THIRD DAY.

April 16th. 9 A. M.

The Presbytery met and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The Minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and approved.

J. M. Atkinson, D. D., and D. I. Craig were excused from further attendance after to-day.

The Special Committee in the case of B. F. White made the following report, which was adopted, viz:

In reply to the memorial made by Capt. White to the Presbytery, touching the alteration of certain records of the Session—the Presbytery give the following answers:

In view of Rules of Discipline, Chap. 13, Sec. 1, Par. 4, which reads: "In cases of process no judgment of an inferior Court shall be reversed, unless it be regularly brought up by appeal or complaint," the Presbytery has no right to alter the Minutes of the Session in this case.

The Presbytery recommends to Capt. White that inasmuch as it appears from the Minutes of the Session that the way is open for him to correct any misapprehension, he go before the Session to make the acknowledgements which he claims to have made, and comply with the requirements of the Rules of Discipline. Chap. XI. Par. 2.

The Special Committee on the Presbyterial Fund (See Min. page 135) reported recommending that the assessments on the churches to this Fund be increased eleven per cent. Adopted.

The report of the Committee on Education was heard and received. The Committee were directed to correspond with Messrs. Tiddball and Mebane and get a fuller report from them for the adjourned meeting at Greensboro.

The report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence was read, received, adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly and Synod (See appendix.)

The report of the Committee to review Sessional Records (Section A.) was received and approved.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the words "for satisfactory reason rendered," be inserted after the Exceptions to Sessional Records, when the reason has been given and adjudged satisfactory to the Presbytery.

The report of the Committee on reports of Sessions on Sessional Duties was received and docketed.

The Presbytery attended to the order of the day and heard the reports of the Agent of Home Missions, J. C. Alexander, and also of the Evangelists, viz: Messrs. Thom, Isler, McLelland and Dalton. These reports were all received and approved.

Messrs. Carr Moore, and A. M. McPheeters were appointed a Committee to settle with the Evangelists.

The Agent of Home Missions was directed to procure preaching for the Mt. Airy church by any members of the Presbytery; expenses of said preachers to be paid by the Mt. Airy church.

Mr. Peace, Elder, was excused from further attendance after to-day.

Commissioners to the General Assembly, to meet in Augusta, Ga., were nominated as follows:

Ministers: C. Phillips, D. D., P. H. Dalton, J. H. Smith, D. D., L. C. Vass, A. L. Crawford, D. I. Craig and W. F. Thom.

Elders: Judge J. A. Gilmer, D. F. Morrow, J. M. Andrews, O. Williams and J. H. Lindsay.

Jas. C. Alexander was reappointed Agent of Home Missions for one year.

Messrs. J. H. Smith and Alexander having failed to visit and preach at Haw River, were reappointed for that duty.

Presbytery receded from business until 2:30 o'clock.

AFTER RECESS.

The report of the Committee on Sessional Records (Section B.) was received and approved.

The Committee to audit the Treasurer's Accounts reported the same as correctly kept, and the disbursements sustained by proper vouchers. This report was approved.

The report of the Committee on Sessional Records (Section C.) was received and approved.

Messrs. Moore, McPheeters, Williams, Crinkley, Young and Eppes, obtained leave of absence after to-morrow morning's session.

A formal invitation from the Principal of the Wilson Graded School, to visit the same, was acknowledged with thanks by the Presbytery.

Rev. Drs. Burwell and Wiley were excused from attendance on the present meeting.

The Stated Clerk reported that the work of copying the Records of the Presbytery as ordered had been completed.

The Committee appointed to verify the Copied Records reported progress.

On motion, it was ordered that one hundred dollars be paid to the Stated Clerk for three volumns of Records copied in his own hand.

The report of the Committee to report on proposed amendments to the Book of Church Order made the following report which was received and adopted, and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly:

Your Committee, to which the Amendments proposed by the General Assembly for the action of the Presbytery were referred, respectfully submit the following report:

AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF DISCIPLINE.

1. That in Rules of Discipline, chap. v., par. 1, after the words, "and in relation to other church members to the session," shall be added the words, "unless the session shall be unable to try the person, or persons accused, in which case the Presbytery shall have the right of jurisdiction."

The Committee recommend that the amendment be approved.

2. That in Rules of Discipline, chap. vii., par. 1, after the words, "to which such members belong," shall be added the words, "except in cases in which the Session is rendered incapable of exercising jurisdiction, in which case process shall be entered before the Presbytery."

The Committee recommend that the amendment be approved.

AMENDMENTS TO THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

1. The Assembly recommends that the Form of Government, chap. vii., par. 3, be amended by adding to the said paragraph the following words, viz: "The provision contained in the preceding paragraph for the amendment of the Book of Church Order shall not apply to this paragraph; but this paragraph shall be amended, or altered, only in the way in which itself provides for the amendment of the Confession of Faith and Catechisms of the Church."

The Committee recommend that the amendment be approved.

2. That in form of Government, chap. v. sec. 4, par. 6, after the words of first clause, "in an orderly manner," shall be inserted these words: "and in cases in which the Session cannot exercise its authority, shall have power to assume original jurisdiction."

The Committee recommend that the amendment be approved.

3. That to the clause in the Form of Government, chap. iv, sec. 3, par. 2, stating that the ruling elders "possess the same authority in the courts of the Church as the ministers of the word," shall be added this sentence, "when, however, a ruling elder is moderator of a Presbytery, Synod, or General Assembly, any official duty devolving upon him the performance of which requires the exercise of functions pertaining only to the teaching elder, shall be remitted by him for execution to such minister of the word, being a member of the court, as he may select."

The Committee recommend that the amendment be approved.

4. That the Form of Government, chap. iv. sec. 2, par, 6, shall be amended by adding to it the following words: "when sent to foreign countries he may also be entrusted with power by his Presbytery to ordain ministers of the gospel as pastors or as evangelists; this grant of power, however, must be made for each specific case, and may only be made previous to the organization of a Presbytery in the field where he labors. The examinations for ordination shall, as far as practicable, be conducted by the evangelist in the presence of his fellow-evangelists (if there be any) in the same field. And the application for ordination shall usually be accompanied by the advice in writing of the same. The newly ordained minister shall be enrolled as a member, and be subject to the jurisdiction of the Presbytery whose commissioner ordained him."

The Committee recommend that the amendment be not approved.

T. J. ALLISON,
S. M. SMITH,
A. M. McPHEETERS, } *Committee.*

A call to record the vote on that section of the above report relating to the Elder-Moderator having been sustained, the vote stood as follows:

Ayes,—Faucette, Atkinson, Johnston, S. M. Smith, Watkins, Thom, Summerell, Chester, Willis, Allison, Darnall, Wilhelm, Peace, McPheeters, Young, Eppes, Savage, Morrow, White.—19.

Noes,—A. Currie, Dalton, J. H. Smith, Harding, Vass, Miller, Craig, Isler, Sprunt, Moore, Crawford, Robertson, Andrews, Patterson, Crinkley, Macaulay.—16.

The following overtures were also adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly:

I.

1. "In the Form of Government, chap. 4, sec. 2, par. 6, after the words "destitute parts of the Church" insert this sentence: "While the power of the Evangelist may be several, it is not essentially several." Omit the word "and" of the clause "and to him," &c. To the paragraph as above amended, add the following: "When laboring in the foreign field the evangelist may also be entrusted with power to ordain native ministers both as pastors and evangelists where duly called, the former by a church, the latter by the Assembly. When two or more evangelists are laboring in the same field, they may be required to act jointly."

2. In the form of Government, chap. v. sec. 6, par. 5, after the clause "to institute and superintend the agencies necessary in the general work of evangelization," the following clause be inserted, "and commission the evangelist, or evangelists, in a foreign country to ordain ministers of the Word, the newly ordained ministers being subject to the jurisdiction of this court."

II.

"The Presbytery of Orange consents to the amendment declaring the eligibility of the elder to the moderatorship of the higher courts, because the statement "ruling elders possess the same authority in the courts of Church as the ministers of the Word" requires this as a matter of consistency. Moreover, we believed this action to be consistent with the Scriptural doctrine of the Presbyter. At the same time the Presbytery believes that the revision has not kept pace with the development of this doctrine in the Church. The book nowhere seems to contemplate the eligibility of the elder to this position. The Book evidently discriminates against the elder in several particulars:

1. *In the quorum of Presbytery:* Three ministers and only one ruling elder being required to form a quorum.

2. Even in the Session the Book nowhere expressly recognizes the eligibility of the elders to the moderatorship. It allows an elder to preside where a minister is not obtainable, but requires them to secure a minister if possible, thus teaching that any minister of the Word whether connected with the session or not, is preferable to an elder, already a member of the parochial Presbytery. The Book says expressly without qualification or condition, that the pastor is moderator of the Session—it nowhere says that the elder is, or may be.

3. The whole usage of the Church in the formation of committees, standing and special, discriminates against the equality of the elder.

Therefore, this Presbytery overtures the General Assembly, that if this amendment be adopted, they commit the whole matter to a special committee to examine the Book and secure consistency in the declarations, regulations, &c., of the ruling elders in the courts of the Church."

The report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance was received and a copy ordered to be forwarded to the Assembly's Committee on the Sabbath.

Milton was selected as the place of the next meeting of the Presbytery.

Messrs. Darnall and Faucette were appointed a Special Committee to recommend a suitable time for the meeting.

Ministers were called upon to say whether they had complied with the injunction of the Presbytery to preach on Family Worship, Sabbath Observance, &c. (See Minutes page 160.)

It appeared that the order of Presbytery had been complied with generally, either in whole or in part.

The Committee on Calls and Supplies made their report.

The following recommendations were adopted:

1. That the call of the Henderson church for the whole of their pastor's time be granted.

2. Call of the Reidsville church for three-fourths of their pastor's time be granted.

3. Call of Oak Hill church for the pastoral services of the Rev. Carr Moore for one-fourth of his time be placed in his hands.

4. Call of Fairfield church for the pastoral services of Rev. J. L. Currie for one-fourth of his time be placed in his hands, and that the Eno church be cited to appear by Commissioner at the meeting in Greensboro to show cause why the pastoral relations between them and the pastor Rev. J. L. Currie should not be dissolved.

5. That applications for services of Stated Supply be granted as follows:

Oakland church for R. Burwell, D. D., one-fourth of his time.

Milton church for Rev. T. U. Faucette till the Fall Meeting.

Haywood church for Rev. J. P. McPherson one sabbath in the month.

6. That further consideration of requests for Stated Supply from Bethesda, Ashboro and Greensboro Chapel, be deferred to the meeting in Greensboro.

Presbytery took recess until after dinner service to-night.

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AFTER RECESS.

In answer to the request of Warrenton church for stated monthly preaching, Presbytery recommend that J. M. Atkinson, D. D. supply the Warrenton church one Sabbath in the month, and that after consultation with the Second church of Raleigh, his pastoral charge, he report the result to the adjourned meeting in Greensboro.

The call from Nahalah church for the pastoral service of Rev. J. N. H. Summerell for one-fourth of his time was reported back by the Committee on Calls and Supplies with the recommendation that further consideration of the call be deferred to the Fall meeting of the Presbytery. Adopted.

The Presbytery then adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, and was closed with prayer.

FOURTH DAY.

April 17. 9 A. M.

The Presbytery was called to order, and opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The Minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and approved.

Elder R. A. Patterson was excused from farther attendance after this morning's Session.

The Committee on the Minutes of Synod reported that they had not been able to procure a copy of the Minutes, and asked to be discharged. The report was received, and the Commiftee discharged.

The special Committee on the letter from the Woman's Christian Temperance Union asking that this Presbytery request the Evangelical Alliance to set apart one day in their week of Prayer for the Suppression of the Liquor Traffic, reported recommending the following reply, which was adopted and ordered to be forwarded; viz:

The Presbytery of Orange is deeply impressed with the awful evils of intemperance, and sympathizes with every proper effort to suppress and exterminate the same, and especially would heartily commend the duty of blending earnest prayer to God for his guidance and favour;—yet as this Presbytery has no official connection with the Evangelical Alliance as a Presbytery, or a church, as we have never heretofore given this voluntary Society any suggestions or counsels; or have ever been asked to do so, we feel that such suggestion on our part might be deemed intrusive, would be unprecedented, and is therefore inexpedient.

Elder D. F. Morrow was excused after this morning's Session.

The Committee on installations reported recommending that arrangements for the installation of Rev. Carr Moore at Oak Hill be referred to the adjourned meeting at Greensboro. Adopted.

T. U. Faucette presented a historical sketch of Grassy Creek church which was returned to him to be presented again at the regular Fall Meeting.

A historical sketch of the Graham church was presented by Archibald Currie, and received.

The special Committee on the trouble in Haywood church reported recommending the appointment of a Commission to visit and investigate the evils alleged to exist in said Congregation, and to report their finding to the adjourned meeting in Greensboro.

The recommendation was adopted and the following Commission appointed, viz:

J. S. Watkins, D. D., H. T. Darnall, and Alex. Sprunt, with Elders J. A. Alston and A. M. McPheeters.

The report of the Committee on Sabbath School Conventions was taken from the docket and adopted.

It is as follows:

The Committee to devise the best method for conducting a Sabbath School Convention respectfully recommend.

1. That a S. S. Convention be held annually in connection with the Fall Meeting of the Presbytery.
2. That every member of the Presbytery be *ex officio* a member of the S. S. Convention.
3. That in addition to the Presbyterial delegates each Sunday School be entitled to appointed one delegate, and be requested to provide for his travelling expenses.
4. That all Sunday School Superintendents and Teachers present at the Convention shall be considered as honorary members entitled to deliberate but not to vote.
5. That a record be kept of the Convention's proceedings, which shall be submitted to the Presbytery for review.
6. That Statistical reports shall not be presented to the Convention, but sent up as heretofore to the Presbytery.
7. That the Convention shall each year appoint an executive Committee, whose duty it shall be to arrange a program for the next meeting.
8. That the second day of Presbytery from 11 o'clock A. M., be given up to the meeting of the S. S. Convention.

S. H. CHESTER,
H. T. DARNALL. } *Committee.*

Messrs. Allison, Chester and Darnall, and Elder Eugene Morehead were appointed as the Executive Committee called for in the report.

The time fixed for the Fall Meeting on recommendation of the Committee to whom the matter had been referred, was the Thursday before the meeting of the Synod (September 30) at 7:30 P. M.

The Committee to arrange for the Sabbath School Convention in Milton was on motion, authorized to draw on the Treasurer for funds to meet necessary expenses, as the printing of programs, &c.

The report of the Committee to examine the Reports of Sessions on Sessional Duties was taken from the docket and approved;—and it was ordered that hereafter this Committee report their decisions in each case as to the validity of the excuses rendered by Sessions for failure to take up collections, and that their decisions be submitted to a vote of the Presbytery.

The Presbytery receded from business until after divine service.

AFTER RECESS.

The report of the Committee to settle with the Evangelists was received and approved as follows:

Rev. Mr. Isler, Salary promised	$200	00
" received	186	76
Amount due	13	34
Rev. Mr. Thom, Salary promised	$250	00
" received	236	66
Amount due	$13	34
Half of traveling expences	8	23
Total amount due	$21	57

Rev. Mr. McLelland	Salary promised *per annum*	$800 00
	Due for 5 month's service	333 30
	Amount paid	254 65
	Amount due	$98 65

The Presbytery went into the election of Commissioners to the General Assembly, which resulted as follows:

Ministers.—Principals: C. Phillips, D. D., P. H. Dalton. Alternates: A. L. Crawford, L. C. Vass.

Ruling Elders.—Principals: Jno. A. Gilmer, J. M. Anderson. Alternates: J. H. Lindsay, D. F. Morrow.

The Presbyterial Report on Sabbath Schools was presented by the Agent L. C. Vass, and was accepted, approved, and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly. See Appendix.

Recess taken till 2:30 o'clock.

AFTER RECESS.

On motion, the docketed resolution (L. C. Vass—Minutes page 155) was taken from docket, when, on motion, it was re-docketed and made a special first order for the third day, of the next stated meeting at Milton.

The report of the Committee on the Narrative was accepted, adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly and the Synod. It is as follows:

NARRATIVE.

The narratives of the churches bring great encouragement and cheer to our hearts. The narratives almost uniformly report general advance and improvement. Some of them marked and decided progress. In particular:

1. Improvement in *attendance upon worship* in the sanctuary is almost universally reported.

2. Improvement in *liberality* is reported of a large majority of the churches.

3. The Sabbath is reported as generally well observed.

4. In *family worship* there is decided improvement, though still there is some confession of delinquency. Our narratives of this year justify the wisdom of the General Assembly in appointing special sermons on this subject.

5. Sabbath-Schools are represented as very prosperous and effective.

6. Prayer meetings and monthly concerts, instructions to the colored people are reported in about the same condition as heretofore, *i. e.*, no advance nor any retrogression.

In conclusion, we report that our churches are unusually well supplied with the ministrations of the Word; there are fewer vacant churches than usual and greater success has been attained in supplying with the gospel those who are without a pastor. Almost all report some accessions. The Presbytery has received 367 accessions of which 225 were by profession of faith, and 142 by certificate.

On the whole, we feel that we have great reason to magnify the mercy of the Lord—to thank God and take courage."

A supplementary report by the same Committee was submitted, and on motion, adopted and ordered to be sent down to the churches. It is as follows:

For the benefit of the Presbytery alone, your Committee would emphasize the following facts:

1. There are only 36 reports on the Narrative put in the hands of the Committee—36 out of 67.

2. There is absence of any reference to some of the topics. Thirty-one reports refer to Intemperance. None allude to Worldliness specifically. Many say nothing about the prayer meeting, and still a greater number preserve an ominous silence as to the Monthly Concert.

3. Our country churches too often neglect the prayer meeting. But while some seem to think it impracticable, yet it is shown that some do succeed in having prayer meetings—in one case as many as four weekly prayer meetings.

The Presbytery calls the attention of these churches particularly to the importance of the prayer-meeting and the Monthly Concert, and urges that persistent effort be made to observe these exercises. Also, to the matter of Family Worship, urging pastors and Sesssons to give diligence to follow up the effort made by order of the last Presbytery to increase the observance of Family Worship, and awaken greater appreciation of the solemn responsibilities of parents in the training of their children.

The Presbytery reminds the pastors and elders that the Narrative is a part of Sessional business—to be prepared and adopted and endorsed by the Session through its Moderator or Clerk, officially as such.

S. M. SMITH, *Chairman.*

The subject selected for next Presbyterial Sermon, to be preached at Milton—"Nature and usefulness of the Pastoral Relation."

A. L. Crawford was appointed to be the preacher, and F. H. Johnston his alternate.

It was, on motion, ordered that the Stated Clerk notify the Trustees of Davidson College from this Presbytery, that the Presbytery regrets very much its inability to guarantee their expenses this year, but hopes to be able to do so hereafter.

The Presbytery then went into an election of Evangelists.

Rev. W. F. Thom was re-elected evangelist for the Chatham field. Amount of salary to be paid referred to the adjourned meeting in Greensboro.

Rev. S. H. Isler was re-elected evangelist for the Neuse River field. Salary of $200 to be paid him. Subject to any change that may seem expedient to the Presbytery at their meeting in Greensboro.

Rev. Arch Currie was directed to supply the churches at Leaksville and Wentworth till they secure a pastor.

F. H. Johnston D. D., was directed to revise the list of Standing Committees for the Examination of Candidates, fill all vacancies, and report to the meeting at Greensboro.

The following resolution of thanks was unanimously adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the thanks of Presbytery be, and are hereby tendered to the citizens of Wilson for their generous and delightful hospitality, to

the Churches in the town which have tendered the use of their houses of worship, and to the various lines of travel which have extended courtesies. This resolution to be read by ministers of the Presbytery occupying different pulpits to-morrow morning, and to be tendered for publication in the town papers.

The Minutes were then read, amended and approved, after which, on motion, the Presbytery adjourned to meet in Greensboro on Tuesday, May 11th, at 10 A. M.

Closed with singing, prayer and the Apostolic benediction.

Signed: R. B. WILLIS, J. R. YOUNG, } *Temp. Clerks.*

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING.

GREENSBORO, N. C., May 11th, 10 A. M.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment, in the Presbyterian church, and was called to order and opened with prayer by the Moderator, Alex. Sprunt.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Ministers.	*Elders.*	*Churches.*
Alex. Sprunt.		
F. H. Johnston, D. D.		
J. C. Alexander.	Dr. McLean.	Bethel.
	David Wharton.	Buffalo.
C. Miller.	A. H. Scott.	Alamance.
J. H. Smith, D. D.	R. F. Robertson.	Greensboro.
H. T. Darnall.		
E. H. Harding, D. D.		
J. L. Currie.		
W. F. Thom.	J. H. Houston.	Mt. Vernon.
	W. J. Buie.	Gulf.
D. I. Craig.	J. M. Andrews.	Reidsville.
Arch. Currie.		
	W. M. Wiley.	Jamestown.

Rev. C. Miller was appointed Temorary Clerk.

Eno church being called to answer as cited (Minutes page 179) appeared by letter of their Commissioner, W. H. Anderson, which was read. The Pastor, Rev. J. L. Currie, having announced his declinature of the Call from Fairfield Church, placed in his hands at the last meeting, and the Eno church being opposed to a dissolution of their pastoral relations with Mr. Currie, no further action was taken.

On Motion, Eno church was allowed, the pastor consenting, to reduce the amount of salary promised from $150 to $100.

Rev. W. T. Doggett, of the Central Dakota Presbytery (Northern Assembly) being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member and introduced by the Moderator.

The report of the Committee to visit and redress evils in Haywood church was presented by H. T. Darnall, and was received and the recommendations adopted. It is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMISSION.

HAYWOOD CHURCH, April 29th, 1886.

Under the order made by the Presbytery of Orange at its late sessions in the town of Wilson, the Commission appointed to visit Haywood church to inquire into any grievances there existing, met according to appointment. There were present Rev. J. S. Watkins, D. D., Revs. A. Sprunt and H. T. Darnall. Absent, Mr. McPheeters and Mr. Alston, ruling Elders. Dr. Watkins was called to the Chair, and Rev. H. T. Darnall appointed Secretary. The Commission was constituted with prayer. The Moderator then stated the object of the meeting of the Commission, and all persons not concerned in the issues coming before the Commission were requested to withdraw. It was resolved that witnesses should wait in the vestibule of the church and enter only as they were called. (For testimony see file.)

The testimony here closed and the Commission took recess until after public worship. After preaching the Commission resumed its sessions at the residence of Dr. Budd, and the following action was agreed upon:

Your Commission have carefully examined all the witnesses appearing before them and respectfully present, that while there are in existence rumors seriously affecting the character of Mr. J. E. Bryan with reference 1st, to Mr. Bryan's alleged intimacy with a woman some five years ago, and 2nd, with reference to false swearing before the recent sessions of the Chatham County Court in which it is alleged that Mr. Bryan stated on oath that he had been exonerated by his session from the charge of adultery. You Commission after a full hearing of all the witnesses brought before them found that the testimony adduced to show Mr. Bryan guilty of perjury was entirely insufficient. 2nd, that the rumors connecting him with undue intimacy and illicit intercouse with a woman are such as were in existence about five or six years ago, that no new light has been brought to bear upon them, that there is no record of any action of the Session with reference thereto, although it is in evidence that the Session conferred at that time about it. 3rd. That these rumors have lain quiet and undisturbed from that time until the recent institution of a civil suit involving a will, in which suit those who testify against Mr. Bryan are interested parties. 4th. That during all this period Mr. Bryan has been serving the church as an Elder, attending upon meetings of the Session and administering the communion without censure by the Session or open complaint by the church. 5th. That the only other Elder, Mr. Mann, in the Session, (at least until about one year ago, when another was ordained) was decided in the opinion that the whole matter had been dropped by the Session and that no reference was ever again made by himself or the Stated Supply of the Church on the subject.

Your Commission therefore report that they are unable to find from the evidence before them what in their judgment is sufficient ground upon which to base a judicial investigation. It is, however, evident from all

that we could gather, that whether capable of proof or not, rumors damaging to the character of Mr. Bryan are nevertheless believed by many, and do seriously affect his official standing and usefulness, and the interests of the church are declining and will decline so long as he remains an Elder in that church, and your Commission, therefore, in view of the whole matter whould recommend: 1st. That upon the ground of insufficiency of testimony, no charges be preferred against Mr. Bryan. 2nd. That the interests of religion and the welfare and peace of Haywood church demand that Presbytery should ask Mr. Bryan to cease to act as ruling Elder, without censure. All of which is respectfully submitted.

By order of the Commission,

H. T. DARNALL, *Clerk.*

After the above action the Commisssion adjourned with prayer.

H. T. DARNALL, *Clerk.*

The Stated Clerk reported the following list of Standing Committees on the Examination of Candidates, which was received and adopted:

THE STANDING COMMITTEES ON EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES, MAY, 1886.

1st Committee—*Geography and History, Ancient and Modern.*
Messrs. Dalton, Miller, Allison and Jas. Currie.

2nd Committee—*Latin, Latin Exercises and Critical Exercises.*
Messrs. Johnston, Faucette, S. M. Smith, Willis.

3rd Committee—*Greek, Hebrew and Logic.*
Messrs. Watkins, J. H. Smith, Wilhelm, Sprunt.

4th Committee—*Mathematics and Physical Science.*
Messrs. Darnall, Craig, Summerell, Moore.

5th Committee—*Mental and Moral Philosophy.*
Messrs. Vass, Harding, Chester, S. M. Smith.

6th Committee—*Theology, Natural and Revealed.*
Dr. Smith, Johnston, Watkins, Crawford.

7th Committee—*Ecclesiastical History.*
Dr. Atkinson, Darnall, Craig, Thom.

8th Committee—*Church Government and Sacraments.*
Messrs. A. Currie, Alexander, Vass, Isler.

The Moderator appointed Elders as follows on each of these Standing Committees, to serve at this meeting, viz:

1st Committee—Dr. McLean. 2nd Committee—J. H. Houston. 3rd Committee—David Wharton. 4th Committee—Dr. Robertson. 5th Committee—W. M. Wiley. 6th Committee—J. M. Andrews. 7th Committee—A. H. Scott. 8th Committee—W. J. Buie.

A Committee consisting of J. C. Alexander, H. T. Darnall and D. I. Craig was appointed to bring in a report in regard to settling with the Evangelists of Presbytery. Certain papers also, relating to Stated Supplies were referred to the same Committee.

The request of Bethesda Church for the services of D. I. Craig as Stated Supply was, on motion, not granted.

Dr. Smith, from the Committee on Education, reported a letter from Mr. Jas. P. Paisley, formerly a candidate under care of the Presbytery stating his desire to be received again under their care and his reasons therefor. The Presbytery granted his request, and his name was placed again upon the list of Candidates.

The Committee also reported letters from Candidates Mebane and Tidball, (Minutes, page 175), whereupon a Committee consisting of Messrs. Johnston and Alexander was appointed to suggest a suitable reply to the letter of Mr. Tidball.

It was made the order of the day to hear the trial sermon of Candidate T. A. Wharton to-night at 8 o'clock, and that of E. W. Smith to-morrow at 11 o'clock, and the first order to-morrow to hear their lectures.

Messrs. Darnall and Faucette were appointed a Committee to install Rev. Carr Moore pastor of Oak Hill Church, the time left to the discretion of the Committee and the Church. Mr. Darnall to preside, preach and charge the people. Mr. Faucette to charge the pastor. Messrs. A. Currie and Willis were appointed alternates, each to either.

The 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th Committees for the Examination of Candidates reported they had examined Candidates Wharton and Smith on the various subjects assigned to said Committees, and recommending that the examinations in each case be sustained as satisfactory part of trial. Adopted by a separate vote on each case, and each subject of Examination.

Reccess was taken until 3 P. M.

AFTER RECESS.

Elder A. H. Scott was excused from attendance after 4 o'clock.

The Committees in Theology, Church History, Church Government and the Sacraments, conducted the examination of Messrs. Wharton and Smith on these subjects in open Presbytery. These examinations were on motion, severally sustained as satisfactory parts of trial.

Elder J. M. Andrews was excused from attendance after this evening's session.

H. T. Darnall, Agent of Publication and Colportage was authorized to dispose of the books left over from Colporteur's sales at his own discretion.

Presbytery receded from business till 8 P. M.

AFTER RECESS.

Presbytery heard the trial Sermon of Candidate T. A. Wharton from I John 3:1.

Jas. L. Currie and W. J. Buie were excused from further attendance after to-night.

Adjourned with prayer to meet to morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

SEDOND DAY.

May 12th, 9:30 A. M.

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer. The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Agent of Home Missions reported recommending that Lagrange and Kinston in the Neuse River field be dropped as preaching points for the present, and that the salary of the evangelist be at the rate of $120 per annum. Adopted.

The salary of Wm. F. Thom, Evangelist, was increased $100, to be paid out of the Evangelistic Fund, *provided* there is no increase of salary in the field.

The application of Warrenton Church for services of various ministers named was not granted, but the church was at liberty to avail itself of occasional preaching by our ministers whenever it was practicable.

The Special Committee on letter of W. J. Tidball, candidate reported recommending that the Chairman of the Committee on Education make the following reply, viz:

That the Presbytery did not at the time of his coming under their care as a candidate, understand that he had permission to prosecute his studies at Johns Hopkins University, or elsewhere, *after* but *before* he entered upon the Seminary course.

That they now greatly prefer, and do so advise him that he would go on and finish his theological studies, if his health permit.

The 4th Committee on Examination reported that they had examined the Candidates Messrs Wharton and Smith in Mathematics, &c., and recommending that the examination be sustained as satisfactory. Adopted.

The 2nd Committee made an additional report that they had examined the Latin Theses and Critical Exercises of the Candidates, and recommending that they be sustained as satisfactory parts of trial. Adopted.

Presbytery then heard the trial sermon of Mr. E. W. Smith, after which, opportunity having been given for expression of opinion, the sermons of both the Candidates were approved as parts of trial.

Ordered, that hereafter the necessary expenses and the salary of the Agent of Home Missions be paid out of the Evangelistic, instead of the Presbyterial Fund.

The action of the Presbytery at the last meeting directing and authorizing an increase of eleven per cent. on the assessments of the churches to the Presbyterial Fund was, on motion, reconsidered, and the whole matter referred to the Standing Committee of Assessments to report a new schedule to the Fall meeting.

Recess taken until 3 P. M.

AFTER RECESS.

Presbytery heard the popular lectures of the Candidates which were sustained as satisfactory parts of trial.

The examination of the Candidates for licensure was then sustained as a whole, and order taken for their licensure this evening at 8 o'clock.

Supplies were appointed for the various vacant fields, and the assistance of the Evangelists as follows:

Mt. Airy—Drs. Smith, Johnston, Wiley and Mr. Crawford.

Yanceyville—The Messrs. Currie and Messrs. Craig and Chester.

Selma—Dr. Harding.

Bethesda—Messrs. A. Currie, Faucette, Dalton, Allison.

Chatham Field—Messrs. Miller, Wilhelm and E. W. Smith.

Nahalah Field—Messrs. S M. Smith, Sprunt and Willis.

Neuse Rivcr—Messrs. Vass and Darnall, and Dr. Watkins.

Presbytery directed Mr. E. W. Smith after his licensure, to labor at Asheboro and Worthville in connection with the Greensboro Chapel, and guaranteed to him a salary of $150 for the work at those points.

The Presbytery then elected the Rev. W. T. Doggett evangelist for the Wilson Field. Salary not over $750.

The Agent of Home Missions was authorized meanwhile until the Evangelist entered his field in September, to employ the services, during the Summer, in this field, of Mr. R. W. Culbertson a student in Union Seminary at a salary of $25 per month and half of what the field pays.

Jas. L. Currie, at his own request, in view of possible changes in his pastoral charge, was allowed to reconsider his declinature of the call from Fairfield, and to retain it in his hands until the Fall meeting. Having also asked leave on certain conditions to resign his pastoral charge of Stoney Creek Church, the Presbytery deferred further consideration of the matter to the Fall meeting.

Presbytery receded from business until 8 P. M.

AFTER RECESS.

The Presbytery engaged in religious services led by the Moderator.

The Candidates, Messrs. Turner A. Wharton and Egbert W. Smith, having answered all the Constitutional questions required to be put in such cases, in the affirmative, they were licensed in due form to preach the gospel as probationers for the holy ministry.

The Moderator at the same time presented each of the candidates with a copy of the Scriptures according to standing custom of the Presbytery.

Licentiate T. A. Wharton was, at his own request, dismissed to place himself under the care of the Presbytery of Mecklenburg.

The Presbytery then, after reading and approval of the Minutes, adjourned to meet in Milton on Thursday before the meeting of Synod, at 7:30 P. M.

Closed with singing, prayer and the benediction.

(Signed) C. MILLER, *Tem. Clerk.*

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

Presbyterial Report on Systematic Beneficence.

The Report of the Presbytery of Orange to the General Assembly and Synod, for the year ending April, 1886.

OBJECTS.	NUMBER OF CONGREGATIONS CONTRIBUTING.	AMOUNTS
Sustentation	Fifty	$ 896 28
Evangelistic	Fifty	828 48
Invalid Fund	Forty-one	308 33
Foreign Missions	Fifty	1980 43
Education	Forty	492 23
Publication	Thirty-six	283 15
Tuskaloosa Institute, (colored)	Twenty-three	103 68
Total		$4892 58

Twety-three Congregations have contributed to all the seven objects of benevolence ordered by the General Assembly; Thirteen have contributed to six: Four have contributed to five: Five have contributed to four: Seven have contributed to three: One has contributed to two: two have contributed to one: Thirteen have contributed to none:

Does the Presbytery call upon the Churches that fail to make any of the collections ordered to give their reasons for failure? It does.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1885.	1886.	GAIN.	LOSS.
Sustentation	$ 755 43	$ 896 28	$ 140 85	
Evangelistic	631 06	828 48	197 42	
Invalid Fund	280 05	308 33	28 28	
Foreign Missions	1412 42	1980 43	568 01	
Education	597 06	492 23		$ 104 83
Publication	215 62	283 15	67 53	
Tuskaloosa Institute	76 85	103 68	26 83	
Totals	$3968 49	$4892 58	$924 09	

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

I. STATISTICAL REPORT.

MEMBERS OF THE PRESBYTERY, APRIL, 1886.

MINISTERS.	POST OFFICES.		CHARGES.
Robert Burwell, D. D...	Raleigh,	N. C.	Oakland, S. S.
Geo. W. Ferrill	Tally Ho,	"	Infirm.
Arch. Currie.....	Wentworth,	"	Wentworth and Leaksville, S. S.
T. U. Faucette.....	Milton,	"	Milton, S. S. Red House, P.
J. M. Atkinson, D. D...	Raleigh,	"	Second Ch. P. Warrenton, S. S.
P. H. Dalton.....	High Point,	"	{ High Point and New Hope, P. { Jamestown & Kernersville, S. S.
J. H. Smith, D. D.....	Greensboro,	"	Greensboro, P.
E. H. Harding, D. D.....	Graham,	"	Graham, P.
F. H. Johnston, D. D...	Winston,	"	Winston, P.
J. C. Alexander.....	Greensboro,	"	Buffalo and Bethel, P.
C. N. Morrow.....	Hawthorne,	Fla.	Without Charge. Invalid.
Chas. Phillips, D. D.....	Chapel Hill,	N. C.	Prof. Emer. University of N. C.
C. H. Wiley, D. D.....	Winston	"	Agent American Bible Society.
L. C. Vass.....	Newbern,	"	Newbern, P.
H. T. Darnall.....	Durham,	"	Durham, P.
Cornelius Miller.....	Greensboro,	"	Alamance, Springwood and Co. Shops, P.
T. J. Allison.....	Bingham School,	"	Mebanesville and Bethlehem, P.
J. L. Currie.....	Hillsboro,	"	Eno, Little River, Griers and Stoney Creek, P.
S. M. Smith.....	Washington,	"	Washington, P.
J. S. Watkins, D. D.....	Raleigh,	"	First Church, P.
D. I. Craig.....	Reidsville,	"	Reidsville and Oak Forest, P.
W. F. Thom.	Ore Hill,	"	Evangelist, Chatham County.
J. H. N. Summerell.....	Tarboro,	"	Tarboro and Rocky Mount, P.
A. L. Crawford.....	Lexington	"	Lexington, P.
S. H. Isler.....	Goldsboro,	"	Evangelist, Neuse River Region.
W. F. Wilhelm.....	Hillsboro,	"	Hillsboro and Chapel Hill, P.
S. H. Chester.....	Mebanesville,	"	Hawfields and Cross Roads, P.
Alexander Sprunt..	Henderson,	"	Henderson, P.
R. B. Willis.....	Oxford,	"	Oxford and Geneva, P.
Carr Moore.....	Townesville,	"	Nutbush, Oak Hill, Shiloh and Grassy Creek, P.
—30.			
LICENTIATES.			
B. B. Palmer, (col.).....	Milton,	"	Teaching.
R. P. Pell	Hampden Sidney,	Va.	Student Union T. Seminary.
T. A. Wharton (*in trans*)	Waynesville,	N. C.	
E. W. Smith.....	Greensboro,	"	Supplies Greensboro Chapel and Randolph County.
—4.			
CANDIDATES.			
Wm. Cawthorne, (col.)..	Manson,	"	Teaching.
J. E. Mebane.....			
W. J. Tidball.....	Taylorsville,	"	
S. S. Oliver.....	Davidson College,	"	Student.
Jas. P. Paisley.....	Bennettsville,	S. C.	Teaching.
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II. STATISTICAL REPORT.

CHURCHES AND THEIR MEMBERSHIP, APRIL, 1886.

	Officers.		Communicants.			Baptisms.			Sabbath Schools	
CHURCHES.	Elders.	Deacons.	Additions on Profession.	Addition by Certificate.	Whole Number.	Non-resident Members.	Adults.	Infants.	Baptized Non-Communicants.	Teachers.	Scholars.
Alamannee	5	6	18	6	250	28	8	10	78	12	140
Ashboro	2	2			26	13			5		
Bethel	6	9	7		164		2	4		8	82
Bethesca	4	1			33	5			3		
Bethlehem	4	4	1	6	70	3			28	4	40
Buffalo	5	5		4	135			6		8	67
Calah [No Report]	2	1			12						
Chapel Hill	3	2	1	1	39	4	1			6	37
Croatan [No Report]	4	2			14						
Cross-Roads	7	8			150	15		1	19	3	30
Company Shops	4	2	1	4	48	8	1	4	19	4	24
Durham	4	4	17	6	112	1	4	3		11	113
Eno	4	3	3		40		1				
Fairfield [No Report]	4	3			34						
Geneva	4	2	3	3	52	5	2	2	29	9	63
Graham	5	4	4		114		1	2		9	64
Grassy Creek	1	1			17						
Greensboro	8	8	23	21	354	30	6	18	200	37	325
Griers	2	1			14			1		5	35
Gulf	2	2	7		19	2	2	6	12		3
Hawfields	7	6	4	3	181			10		6	100
Haywood [No Report]	2	2			38						
Henderson	4	5	11	15	83	4	2	5	47	11	66
High Point	4	4	4	4	42	6	1	1	45	8	60
Hillsboro	3	1	6		55	6	5	1	30	9	52
Jamestown	2	1	1	5	21	1	1		1	6	75
Kernersville	2	1		9	9				3	2	20
La Grange [No Report]	3				13						
Leaksville	4	1	4		30	2	4		10	5	40
Lexington	4	6	13	2	120	2	6		50	14	120
Little River	9	5	5	4	190		3			4	56
Littleton	1		4		13	4	2		13		
Madison	5	5			100			1	25	8	44
Mebaneville	1	1	15	3	73	18	5		19	6	75
Milton	6	4	2	2	91	10	1	1	41	8	42
Mount Airy	3		2	2	18						
Mount Vernon	2	2		1	29	1			9	4	40
Nahalah	2	3	2		35	3	1				25
Newbern	3	3	3	1	106	16	1	1	80	12	71
New Hope	7	3	3	1	99			3	33	10	73
Nutbush	4	2	9		42	1		5	46		
Oak Forest	3	2			18				12		
Oak Hill	2		2		17				10		
Oakland	3	1	1		17	3			12		
Oxford	5	3	2	2	60	4	1		30	7	60
Pittsboro	3	2		1	28	7		1	8		
Raleigh, 1st church	9	8	20	9	229	47	6	6	160	21	153
Raleigh, 2nd church	2	1	2	2	37	5	2	1		6	30
Red House	5	4			43	1			21	5	30
Reidsville	5	5	9	9	100	8	3	2	55	13	85
Rocky Mount	3	1		1	24	2			19	5	25
Shiloh	3	2			34	6			28		
Spring Wood	4	3	5		64		1	14	34	10	35
Stony Creek	4	4	4	2	75		4	5	20	7	50
Tarboro	3		6	1	36	5	2	3	25	7	30
Washington	4	10	8	3	189	24	1	1	133	25	184
Wentworth	4	2			50	5			13		
Winston	6	5	4	15	153	19	2	5	62	15	114
Wilson	1	1		2	26	5		1	27	7	26
Warrenton	2			3	18						
Worthville [No Report]	2	1			13						
Yanceyville	2				14						
Oregon [No Session]					17						
Speedwell [No Session]					10						
Louisburg [No Session]					8						
Elkin [No Session]					4						
Horeb [No Session]	67				6						
Totals	333	180	236	151	4370	334	82	114	1414	357	2807
Last Year	224	161	172	129	4174		93	117	1350	324	2424
Increase	9	19	64	22	196				64	33	283
Decrease							11	3			

III. STATISTICAL REPORT.

COLLECTIONS, APRIL 1, 1886.

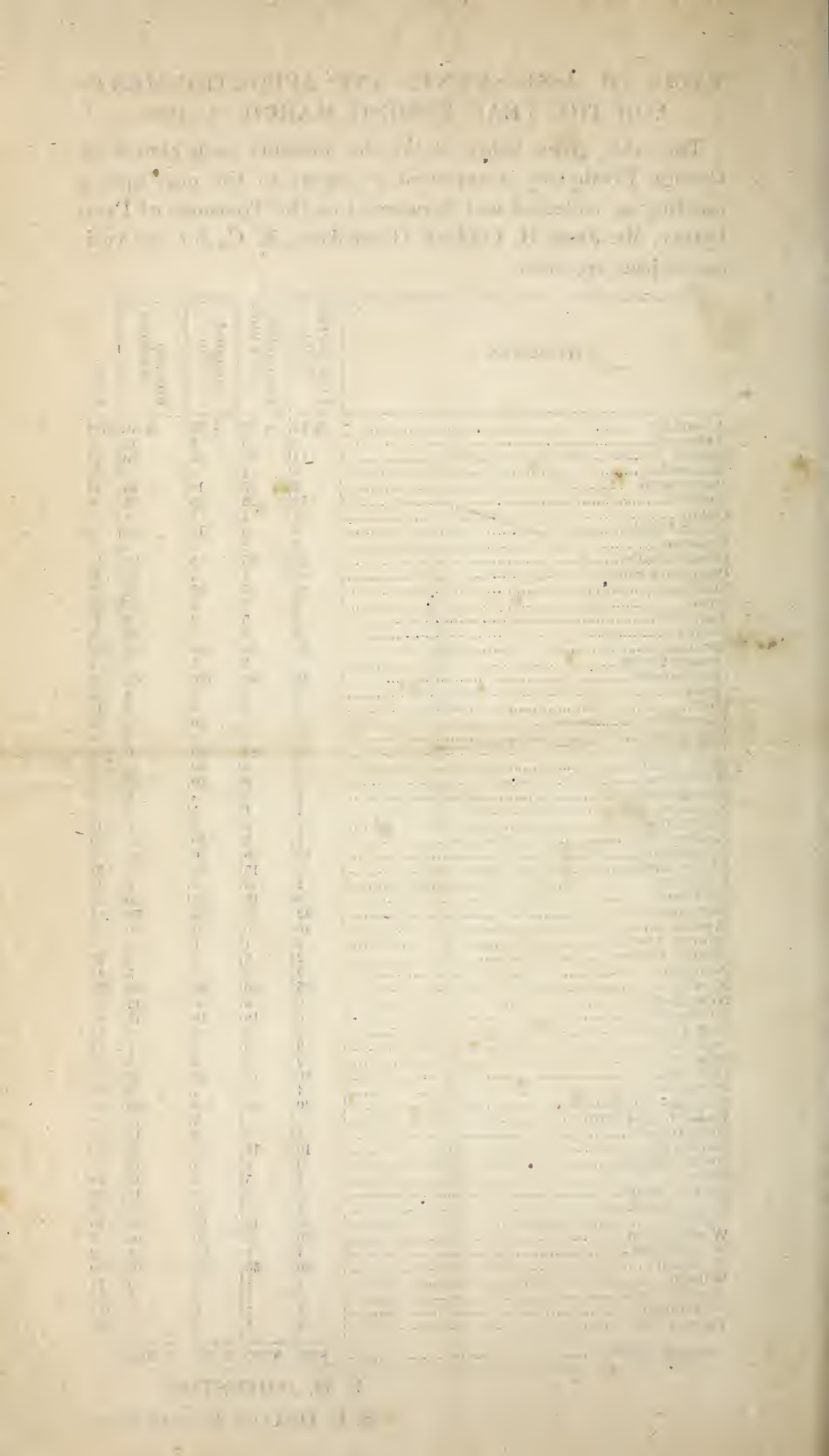
CHURCHES.	Sustentation.	Evangelistic.	Invalid Fund.	Foreign Miss.	Education.	Publication.	Tuskaloosa Ins.	Bible Cause.	Presbyterial.	Pastors' Salary Paid.	Pastors' Salary Promised.	Congregational	Value of Manse.	Miscellaneous.
Alamance	25	25	6	43	5	5	4	11	11	373	500	36	.....	13
Ashboro	5	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	2	.....	.....	55	.....	.....
Bethel	8	50	4	17	2	4	....	....	11	360	400	.....	.....	30
Bethesda	2	2	1	5	2	1	....	....	2	150	150	.....	.....	.....
Bethlehem	3	6	1	5	2	3	....	....	2	118	225	.....	.....	.....
Buffalo	25	12	5	13	5	4	....	....	11	400	400	57	.....	.....
Chapel Hill	5	5	6	38	5	2	....	....	4	450	450	112	.....	60
Cross Roads	11	11	1	11	2	2	....	....	12	500	400	200	900	15
Company Shops	2	3	1	4	3	1	1	2	6	86	100	10	.....	2
Durham	25	7	5	13	12	9	5	22	12	1200	900	240	3500	.....
Eno	6	3	3	4	3	5	....	....	2	37	150	.....	.....	.....
Geneva	8	9	6	27	7	3	....	....	5	175	200	7	.....	.....
Graham	45	100	14	52	14	9	....	....	20	1200	1200	304	2000	.....
Greensboro	107	107	14	366	64	18	9	....	40	1700	1700	923	....	50
Griers	6	4	....	6	....	....	....	....	2	150	150	.....	.....	.....
Gulf	3	3	....	5	....	....	....	....	2	100	100	22	.....	3
Hawfields	10	15	1	10	1	1	....	....	30	400	400	600	900	.....
Henderson	46	25	11	93	16	24	14	....	10	772	700	434	2500	150
High Point	10	6	4	37	5	2	2	....	5	200	200	15	.....	7
Hillsboro	28	18	9	39	9	6	4	....	6	500	500	58	1500	21
Jamestown	5	3	2	6	2	....	1	....	4	67	60	8	....	2
Kernersville	1	1	....	2	....	....	....	....	1	.....	75	4	.....	6
Leaksville	7	4	3	9	5	3	....	....	....	160	160	6	.....	.....
Lexington	3	4	5	14	6	3	4	7	16	600	600	122	2500	280
Little River	7	3	7	12	2	....	....	....	9	.....	200	.....	.....	.....
Littleton	5	7	....	6	....	....	....	....	2	39	125	.....	.....	40
Madison	22	12	1	30	7	6	1	....	8	33	.....	40	....	.....
Mebanville	17	24	10	85	3	14	1	....	12	585	500	265	.....	26
Milton	40	20	13	45	8	15	....	....	10	.....	600	325	1200	.....
Mount Airy	1	1	....	2	....	....	....	....	2	.....	....	.....	.....	.....
Mount Vernon	1	5	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	.....	100	75	.....	25
Nahalah	3	4	....	5	....	....	....	....	2	.....	100	.....	.....	.....
Newbern	72	44	41	124	86	31	....	....	25	1400	1400	453	2500	905
New Hope	6	8	2	6	2	2	2	....	6	177	200	43	.....	5
Nutbush	10	10	6	18	6	11	2	....	6	225	225	33	.....	11
Oak Forest	3	2	1	8	3	1	1	....	2	100	100	5	.....	.....
Oak Hill	5	5	2	5	....	....	....	....	....	95	150	....	.....	4
Oakland	3	3	....	5	2	....	....	....	2	60	60	....	.....	.....
Oxford	28	4	11	91	18	7	....	....	10	455	600	101	3500	50
Pittsboro	4	8	2	5	....	....	....	....	4	90	125	20	.....	.....
Raleigh, 1st church	88	98	30	283	30	30	12	....	40	1600	1600	2669	6000	127
Raleigh, 2nd church	....	....	....	19	....	....	....	....	3	406	.....	114	1500	.....
Red House	12	6	2	15	8	3	1	7	4	115	150	9	.....	.....
Reidsville	15	15	10	30	15	8	4	....	10	450	450	1000	2500	.....
Rocky Mount	5	5	2	5	3	2	2	....	3	200	200	44	.....	27
Shiloh	....	....	4	.....	....	....	....	....	....	42	110	.....	.....	.....
Spring Wood	2	8	....	4	....	....	1	....	3	74	100	.....	.....	.....
Stony Creek	5	3	....	6	2	3	....	....	3	31	100	.....	.....	.....
Tarboro	15	10	5	46	10	3	2	....	8	483	483	68	1800	542
Washington	26	45	27	74	16	16	18	....	20	1000	1000	588	2500	65
Wentworth	4	3	1	15	....	....	....	....	....	52	.....	.....	.....	.....
Winston	95	50	26	202	96	24	10	12	20	900	900	332	4000	25
Warrenton	3	1	....	5	....	....	....	....	2	.....	.....	25	.....	21
Wilson	3	1	....	5	....	....	....	....	2	42	100	21	.....	.....
Totals	$896	$828	$306	$ 1980	$488	$282	$103	$ 62	$435	$18402	$19398	$ 9543	$39300	$ 2520
Last Year	755	631	280	1412		215	77	....	374	15434	.....	10156	.....	1601
Increase	$141	197	26	568	597	67	26	....	61	2968	.....	.....	....	919
Decrease	....	....	....	.....	109	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	613	.....	.....

TABLE OF ASSESSMENTS AND APPORTIONMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1886.

The table given below shows the amounts each church in Orange Presbytery is expected to report to the next Spring meeting as collected and forwarded to the Treasurer of Presbytery, Mr. Jesse H. Lindsay, Greensboro, N. C., for the various objects specified:

CHURCHES.	Presbyterial Fund.	Evangelistic Fund.	Sustentation.	Foreign Missions.	Total.
Alamance	$ 11	$ 25	$ 25	$ 40	$101
Ashboro	2	5	5	10	22
Bethel	11	25	25	30	91
Bethesda	4	4	4	8	20
Bethlehem	5	15	10	15	45
Buffalo	11	25	25	35	96
Calah	1	1	1	2	5
Chapel Hill	4	5	10	30	49
Croatan	1	2	2	3	8
Cross Roads	12	25	25	35	97
Company Shops	3	4	4	12	23
Durham	12	25	25	35	97
Eno	5	5	5	10	25
Fairfield	2	5	3	5	15
Geneva	5	8	8	15	36
Graham	25	60	60	125	270
Grassy Creek	1	1	1	2	5
Greensboro	40	100	100	300	540
Grier's	2	2	5	8	17
Gulf	2	3	3	5	13
Hawfields	15	25	20	35	95
Haywood	3	6	2	5	16
Henderson	19	25	25	50	110
High Point	5	6	10	12	33
Hillsboro	6	9	10	25	50
Jamestown	2	3	5	6	16
Kernersville	1	1	1	2	5
La Grange	2	3	3	5	13
Leaksville	4	5	10	15	34
Lexington	16	20	20	25	81
Little River	9	15	12	15	51
Littleton	2	3	3	6	14
Madison	8	12	15	30	65
Mebaneville	12	24	25	50	111
Milton	10	20	20	40	90
Mount Airy	2	1	1	2	6
Mount Vernon	2	5	5	8	20
Nahalah	2	4	3	5	14
Newbern	25	50	50	125	250
New Hope	6	6	6	12	30
Nutbush	6	10	10	15	41
Oak Forest	2	2	2	8	14
Oak Hill	3	5	2	5	15
Oakland	2	3	3	5	13
Oxford	10	15	15	40	80
Pittsboro	4	8	4	8	24
Raleigh, 1st church	40	100	100	250	490
Raleigh, 2nd church	3	.....	5	10	18
Red House	4	6	6	13	29
Reidsville	10	15	15	30	70
Rocky Mount	3	5	5	10	23
Shiloh	4	5	5	10	24
Spring Wood	3	8	6	12	29
Stony Creek	3	7	10	15	35
Tarboro	8	10	15	35	68
Washington	20	45	50	100	215
Wentworth	4	3	10	15	32
Winston	20	50	60	200	330
Wilson	2	1	3	5	11
Worthville	2	1	3	5	11
Warrenton	2	1	3	5	11
Yanceyville	3	5	4	8	20
Grand totals	$459	$ 893	$ 928	$ 2002	.....

F. H. JOHNSTON,
S. C. ORANGE PRESBYTERY.



MINUTES

OF THE

TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY-THIRD SESSION

OF THE

PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE,

HELD AT

MILTON, N. C.,

SEPTEMBER 30--OCTOBER 4, 1886.

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MINUTES.

MILTON, N. C., September 30, 1886.
Thursday, 7:30 P. M.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with a Sermon by the Moderator, ALEXANDER SPRUNT, from Luke 24c. 47v.,—last clause,—"Beginning at Jerusalem."

After the sermon the Presbytery was constituted with prayer.

ROLL OF MEMBERS.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*	*Churches.*
Arch'd Currie,	H. Foard (3),	Leaksville.
T. U. Faucette,	Jno. Wilson,	Milton.
	W. W. Taylor (2)	Red House.
P. H. Dalton,		
C. H. Harding, D. D.,		
F. H. Johnston, D. D.,	T. J. Brown,	Winston.
J. C. Alexander,	David Wharton,	Buffalo.
L. C. Vass,		
T. J. Allison,		
Jas. L. Currie,	W. P. Jordan,	Little River.
S. M. Smith,		
D. I. Craig,	R. P. Richardson,	Reidsville.
Wm. F. Thom,	J. W. Milner,	Oak Forest.
J. N. H. Summerell,		
S. H. Chester,		
Alex. Sprunt,	Sam'l Watkins (3),	Henderson.
Cornelius Miller (2),	J. W. Gilmer,	Alamance.
H. T. Darnall (2),		
—17.		
	Jno. C. Wharton,	Greensboro.
	T. C. Ford,	Lexington.
	R. T. Smith (2),	Geneva.
	—13.	

Rev. WM. F. THOM was chosen Moderator, and Revs. Messrs. S. H. CHESTER and S. M. SMITH, Temporary Clerks, after which the Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

Closed with prayer by P. H. Dalton.

SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9:30 o'clock.

Presbytery met, and was opened with prayer by D. I. Craig.

On motion, the reading of the Minutes of the last Stated Meeting was dispensed with. The Clerk then read the Minutes of the Adjourned Meeting held at Greensboro, on May the 11th and 12th (Print. Min. page 184)—also the Minutes of the Special Meeting called at Greensboro on September the 2d, as follows:—

Minutes of the pro re nata Meeting.

GREENSBORO, N. C., Sept. 2d, 1886. 9 A. M.

The Presbytery met according to the following special call of the Moderator, which was read, viz:

HENDERSON, N. C., Aug. 20, 1886.

A special meeting of Orange Presbytery is called to meet in the Lecture Room of the Presbyterian Church in Greensboro, N. C., on September 2nd, 1886 at 9 o'clock A. M. The object of this meeting is to examine and receive, if the way be clear, any candidate for the ministry who may apply. ALEX. SPRUNT, *Moderator.*

There were present, *Ministers:* J. H. Smith, D. D., F. H. Johnston, D. D., J. C. Alexander, and P. H. Dalton. *Ruling Elders:* R. F. Robertson, of Greensboro church, and David Wharton of the Buffalo church. P. H. Dalton was called to preside, who opened the meeting with prayer, and stated the object of the meeting.

Dr. Smith then introduced Mr. James Ernest Thacker, a member in full communion of the Greensboro church; and Mr. Alexander introduced Mr. Charles Newton Wharton, a member in full communion of the Buffalo church, each with the view of being taken under the care of the Presbytery as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry.

These young brethren were then carefully examined both as to their religious experience and their motives for seeking the ministry, and their examination having been sustained separately in each case, they were received under the care of the Presbytery as candidates for the ministry, and recommended to the oversight of the Presbytery's Standing Committee on Education.

The Presbytery then adjourned, being closed with prayer.

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

Rev. Mr. Nash of the M. E. Church being present, was invited to sit as a visiting brother and introduced by the Moderator.

The Presbytery then proceeded to hold devotional exercises according to standing order; after which the regular business was resumed.

A communication was received from J. H. Smith, D. D.

1. Presenting his excuse for absence from the present meeting, which was sustained.

2. A request with reference to the ordination of licentiate, E. W. Smith, which was referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies, with instruction to report at the earliest moment.

The Moderator announced the following standing Committees, viz:

Minutes of the General Assembly:
Messrs. Summerell, J. L. Currie and Brown.

Devottonal Exercises:
Messrs. Faucette, Wilson and Richardson.

Calls and Supplies:
Messrs. Alexander, Craig, Harding, Gilmer and Ford.

Instatlations:
Messrs. Vass, A. Currie and Wharton.

W. W. Taylor, Elder from Red House church appeared and took his seat after assigning satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

A communication from Rev. J. P. McPherson relating to his labors in the church at Haywood was read and received.

A communication from the Shiloh church was read and referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies.

The hour for the meeting of the Sabbath School Convention having arrived, the Presbotery took recess to meet at the call of the Moderator.

After recess, the Presbytery, on call of the Moderator, resumed its session.

Messrs. Miller and Darnall appeared in Presbytery and rendered satisfactory reasons for late attendance.

The Committee on Calls and Supplies made a report recommending the ordination at this meeting of licentiate E. W. Smith as Evangelist.

The report was adopted, and Messrs. Faucette, Johnston and Alexander were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the ordination.

Elders Smith, Richardson and Gilmer obtained leave of absence after to-day's sessions; and Elders Wharton and Ford after to-morrow evening.

A communication from the Warrenton church requesting continuance of the present arrangement for preaching was referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies.

The examination of E. W. Smith, candidate for ordination, was made the *first* order of the day for to-morrow.

The Presbytery then adjourned until to-morrow at 9:30, A. M.

Closed with prayer by H. T. Darnall.

THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9:30 O'CLOCK.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

Mr. H. Foard, Elder from Leaksville church appeared and giving satisfactory reason for late attendance, was enrolled.

A letter from Rev. C. N. Morrow, a member of this Presbytery now residing in Florida for the benefit of his health, presenting his excuse for absence at this meeting, was read and received.

A letter from S. H. Isler, resigning his office as an Evangelist for the Presbytery, was read and referred to the Agent of Home Missions, with the request to report to this meeting.

A letter from R. Burwell, D. D., requesting that some member of the Presbytery be appointed to assist him in a meeting at Oakland church was read and referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies.

A communication from the church at Mount Airy was read and referred to the Agent of Home Missions with instructions to report at this meeting.

A communication in reference to the Bible Cause from C. H. Wiley, D. D., Agent of the American Bible Society, was read and referred to the Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly.

Mr. Samuel Watkins Elder from the church at Henderson appeared and was enrolled after satisfactory excuse rendered for tardiness.

The Minutes of yesterday were then read, corrected and approved.

The Committee on Education having asked for instructions from the Presbytery as to its candidates, W. J. Tidball and S. S. Oliver, the matter was referred to a special Committee consisting of Messrs. Miller, Johnston and Elder Watkins.

Four o'clock P. M. to-day was appointed as the hour to hear the trial sermon of E. W. Smith, candidate for ordination, on the text assigned to him, viz: Hebrew 12c. 2v. *first clause.*

The Presbytery then proceeded to the special order, to wit: the examination of E. W. Smith for ordination.

The examination on Experimental Religion conducted by C. Miller was sustained as part of trial.

On motion, it was ordered that the remainder of the examination of the candidate (in view of his full and satisfactory examination for licensure at a very recent date) be confined to Theology, Church History, Church Government, and the Sacraments.

The examination of Mr. Smith in Theology, conducted by F. H Johnston, D. D., was sustained as part of trial.

The examination in Church History, conducted by H. T. Darnall, and the examination on Church Government and the Sacraments, conducted by A. Currie, were each sustained as satisfactory part of trial.

On motion, the examination of the candidates was sustained, as a whole.

Mr. J. J. Harrell, M. D., a member of the Gulf church, was introduced to the Presbytery with the view of coming under its care as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry. After due examination as to his acquaintance with personal religion and his motives for seeking the Gospel Ministry, Dr. Harrell was, on motion, received and enrolled as a candidate under the care of the Presbytery.

The Presbytery then proceeded to consider the special order made at the last meeting, viz: the Docketed resolution of L. C. Vass, (Minute pages 155 and 182.)

The report of the Committee, on motion, was not adopted, but the subject matter of the paper as first offered by Mr. Vass, was referred to a Committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. S. M. Smith, L. C. Vass, J. S. Watkins and S. H. Chester, with Elders Geo. Allen and Samuel Watkins, who shall submit at the next Fall meeting of the Presbytery a plan by which a proper Presbyterial Supervision over pastors and churches may be accomplished.

Presbytery then took up the Standing Order, viz: Reports of the Agent of Home Missions and Evangelists, &c.

The Agent made his report which was received. Rev. W. F. Thom rendered an account of his labors as Evangelist in the Chatham Field, which was received and approved. Report was also made by P. H. Dalton and Licentiates E. W. Smith and R. P. Pell (the latter by letter) all which were received.

The following Missionary Supplies reported their appointments fulfilled, viz: Rev. Drs. Smith and Johnston, Rev. Messrs. Craig, A. Currie (in part), Allison, Miller, Wilhelm, E. W. Smith, S. M. Smith, Sprunt, J. L. Currie, Faucette. Duty not performed for satisfactory reason rendered by A. Currie (in part), E. H. Harding, D. D., S. H. Chester, P. H. Dalton, R. B. Willis, L. C. Vass and H. T. Darnall.

No report from Drs. Wiley and Watkins, and Messrs. Crawford and J. L. Currie.

Licentiate Robert P. Pell was granted leave to labor out of the bounds of the Presbytery till the next stated meeting.

Presbytery took recess until 3 P. M.

AFTER RECESS,

P. H. Dalton requested leave to resign the pastorate of New Hope church, to take effect on the *first* Sabbath of December next. A letter was read from the church concurring in the request.

Presbytery then dissolved the relation, and W. F. Wilhelm was appointed to visit the New Hope church, preach and declare the church vacant as early as practicable after the first Sabbath in December.

Messrs. Craig, Allison and Alexander obtained leave of absence after 7 o'clock this P. M.

The Agent of Home Missions reported, recommending that Presbytery accept the resignation of the Rev. S. H. Isler as Evangelist for the Neuse River Region. Adopted.

Warrenton church, by recommendation of the Agent of Home Missions, was permitted to continue the employment of Rev. J. M. Atkinson D. D., as Stated Supply, once a month.

The Presbytery then heard the trial sermon of Mr. E. W. Smith, which was sustained as satisfactory part of trial.

The examination of the candidate for ordination was then sustained as a whole.

The following order was taken for the ordination:

The ordination to take place to-morrow (Sabbath) at 11 o'clock service.

Rev. L. C. Vass to preach the sermon.

Rev. Arch. Currie to preside and propose the questions.

Rev. H. T. Darnall to charge the Evangelist.

Elder T. J. Brown obtained leave of absence after to-day's session.

The permission given Licentiate R. P. Pell to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery was, on motion, re-considered, and it was then resolved that Mr. Pell be informed that his services are urgently needed, and that it is the wish of the Presbytery that as soon as his present engagement expires he report to the Agent of Home Missions for duty.

The call from the Nahalah church for the pastoral services of J. N. H. Summerell, laid over from last meeting (Min. 179), was, on motion, taken from the table and placed in the hands of Mr. Summerell.

J. N. H. Summerell tendered his resignation of the pastoral charge of the Rocky Mount church, to take effect on the first day of January next; whereupon the Presbytery cited the Rocky Mount church to appear by its Commissioners at an adjourned meeting to be held at Henderson, N. C., on Wednesday before the *first* Sabbath in December next, at 7 o'clock, P. M., and show cause, if any they have, why the Pastor's request should not be granted.

Presbytery took recess until after divine service to-night.

AFTER RECESS,

The Presbyterial Sermon was called for, but the appointee, Rev. A. L. Crawford, being absent, the matter was passed over, and, on motion, E. H. Harding, D. D., was appointed to preach the next semi-annual sermon before the Presbytery, the selection of a topic being referred to a committee, consisting of Messrs. Chester, Vass and Dr. Wilson.

It was Resolved, That when the Presbytery adjourns, it adjourns to meet in Concord during the sessions of Synod at the call of the Moderator.

The Agent of Home Missions was granted leave to report his list of Missionary Supplies during the sessions of Presbytery in Concord.

Licentiate B. B. Palmer, being present, made a report of his labors. Messrs. Darnall and Faucette were appointed a committee to confer with the licentiate as to his work, and report on Monday.

P. H. Dalton obtained leave of absence after to-night's session.

The report on Publlcations was made the *first* order of the day on Monday, and the report on Foreign Missions was made the *second* order on same day.

Newbern was selected as the place of the next Stated Meeting, and Wednesday before the *thtrd* Sabbath in April, 1887, at 7:30, P. M., as the time.

Presbytery adjourned till 11 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

Closed with prayer by F. H. Johnston, D. D.

FOURTH DAY.

SUNDAY, 11 o'clock, A. M.

The Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, at the hour of public worship.

After the usual devotional services and a sermon by the Rev. L. C. Vass, according to order previously taken, the Presbytery did, the Rev. Archibald Currie presiding, solemnly set apart licentiate Egbert Watson Smith to the full work of the Gospel ministry as an Evangelist, by prayer and the laying on of hands after the apostolic example.

The Rev. H. T. Darnall then delivered a suitable charge to the newly-ordained evangelist, after which the Presbytery adjourned to meet on Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, 8:30, A. M.

The Presbytery met, and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The name of Egbert W. Smith was ordered to be enrolled as a minister in connexion with this Presbytery.

Elder W. P. Jordan obtained leave of absence.

The report of the Trustees of Davidson College was read, and referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Harding, A. Currie, and Elder Watkins, with instructions to report to-day.

A communication from the Assembly's Committee of Publications was read and referred to H. T. Darnall, the Presbytery's Agent of Publication and Colportage.

A communication from the Assembly's Secretary of Education was read and referred to J. H. Smith, D. D., Chairman of the Presbytery's Committee on that subject, with instruction to report during the adjourned meeting at Synod.

The Committee on the report of the Trustees of Davidson College made the following report, which was received and approved, viz:

The Presbytery of Orange has heard with great pleasure of the increasing prosperity of Davidson College, and heartily commends its interests to the churches under the charge of the Presbytery.

Jas. L. Currie, the Agent of Foreign Missions read a report which was received, and the resolutions appended to the report, were adopted, and are as follows; viz:

Resolved 1. That this Presbytery hears with pleasure and gratitude of the progress made in the work of Foreign Missions during the past year.

2. That this Presbytery commends with renewed emphasis the cause of Foreign Missions to all the churches under its charge, and urges the churches not only to contribute to it in May, but also to respond as liberally as possible to such special appeals for this object as may be made by the Executive Committee during the months of October and February.

3. That this Presbytery is pleased to hear that Miss Lily Tidball, a member of Alamance church in this Presbytery, and a daughter of one of our former co-presbyter, the Rev. Wm. B. Tidball, has been called of God and has been sent by our Executive Committee to engage in the Mission work in China. May the Lord be with and bless her in the land to which she has gone.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly made their report, which was received. The resolutions appended to the report were, after amendment, adopted and are as follows, viz:

Resolved 1. That in the judgment of this Presbytery the action of the Augusta Assembly in reference to Evolution, is heartily commended and emphatically endorsed.

2. Orange Presbytery has heard with great interest the commuication from Rev. C. H. Wiley, D. D., Agent of the American Bible Society. We pray for the blessing of Almighty God on him in the great and vital work in which he is engaged, and we earnestly recommend to all our churches to give regular and liberal contributions to this holy cause, that we may by our prayers and works, prove a deep interest in the spread of the word of God; And in view of the pecuniary stress of the Bible Society at this time, we recommend that this financial year a collection be made on the *fifth* Sabbath of January, 1887, and forwarded to the State Agent, Dr. Wiley, Winston, N. C.

The Agent of Publication made a report which was received, and the following recommendation based upon the communication from Rev. Dr. Hazen, the Assembly's Secretary of Publication, in reference to aid in relief of the debt which still burdens the cause, was approved, viz:

That the Presbytery direct every Minister within our bounds to present this matter to their charges, and endeavor by a united effort to rid the Committee of debt, and that all the churches that have failed to contribute, be earnestly urged to do so liberally during the ensuing year.

Commissioners to the late General Assembly from this Presbytery, the Rev. L. C. Vass and Elder J. M. Andrews, by letter, reported attendance; and their diligence and faithfulness herein were commended.

On motion, the Stated Clerk was instructed to notify the Rev. A. L. Crawford that a report is expected of him as to the discharge of duty, *first*

in reference to the Presbyterial Sermon; and *second*, as to attendance as a Commissioner to the General Assembly.

Ruling Elder George Allen, of Newberne, was re-elected a Trustee of Davidson College, to serve five years.

Jas. L. Currie was allowed to retain the call from Fairfield church in his hands until the adjourned meeting at Concord.

The committee to install E. H. Harding, D. D., Pastor of the Graham church, reported the duty performed on the fourth Sabbath in September last.

The committee to install Carr Moore pastor of Nutbush church, reported the duty discharged on the third Sabbath in July last.

The committee to install Carr Moore Pastor of Oak Hill church, reported that duty performed on fourth Sabbath in August last.

The Milton church was allowed to employ the services of T. U, Faucette as Stated Supply until the Spring meeting, the Presbytery regretting that under the circumstances it seems necessary.

The committee on Assessments made a report, submitting according to direction, a revision of the present schedule of assessments for the Presbyterial Fund.

This report was received, and the revised schedule approved. (See Min. page 188.)

In view of the present embarrassed condition of the Presbyterial Fund, in being unable to meet certain claims upon it, the Committee on Assessments, on motion, was instructed to apportion the amount of unpaid claims (about $175.) among the churches to be raised at the earliest practicable opportunity.

A request from the Red House church against increase of its assessment was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

The committee appointed to confer with Licentiate B. B. Palmer, made the following report which was adopted, viz:

Your committee appointed to confer with Licentiate Boswell B. Palmer with reference to some permanency in his work, respectfully report that after conference with Bro. Palmer, we recommend that he be directed to hold preaching services in the house in which he holds his Sunday School at such times as will not conflict with the appointments of other denominations, and that Rev. T. U. Faucette be directed to render the licentiate such advice and assistance looking to the final establishment of a church, as may be considered necessary.

The committee appointed to select a topic for the next semi-annual sermon before the Presbytery, reported, recommending that *Christianity as related to Christ and Humanity* be the topic. Adopted.

The committee to verify the Copied Records reported that progress had been made in the work. The report was accepted and the committee continued.

Presbytery took recess until 3:30 P. M.

AFTER RECESS.

The following resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

Resolved, That Presbytery tenders its thanks to the people of Milton for their generous and delightful hospitality, to the churches which have tendered their houses of worship for the use of Presbytery,—to the various lines of travel which have rendered courtesies. That the foregoing be published in the town paper, and read in the pulpits of such churches as have been occupied by our Ministers.

Arch. Currie presented a historical sketch of the Graham church, which was received, the work approved and the sketch ordered to be filed in the archives of the Presbytery.

T. U. Faucette presented a sketch of Grassy Creek church, which was received, approved, and ordered to be filed.

The Minutes were then read and approved, and the Presbytery adjourned to meet in Concord during the Synod at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with singing, prayer and the apostolic benediction.

Signed: S. H CHESTER, S. M. SMITH, } *Temp. Clerks.*

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

MINUTES

Of the Adjourned Meeting at Concord.

CONCORD, N. C., October 5th, 1886.

The Presbytery met on call of the Moderator, according to adjournment at 4:30 P. M., this day, and was opened with prayer.

Present, the Moderator, W. F. Thom; Messrs. Crawford, Johnston Sprunt, Dalton, Miller, S. M. Smith, with Ruling Elders, T. C. Ford and Dr. J. A. McLean.

A. L. Crawford, Pastor of the Lexington church, made a statement concerning the condition of that church at present involving serious difficulties and alienations between some of the Elders and Deacons and their families, and asked for the assistance of the Presbytery in an investigation and settlement of this unhappy state of affairs.

The church at Lexington also through a letter which was read, asked for a dissolution of their pastoral relation with Mr. Crawford, who concurred in the request, subject to the will of the Presbytery.

On motion, this whole matter was referred to a special committee to report at this meeting. The committee to consist of Messrs. Dalton and Johnston, with Elder J. A. McLean.

The Presbytery then adjourned with prayer, to meet at the call of the Moderator.

WEDNESDAY, October 6th.

The Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator and was opened with prayer.

The special committee in the Lexington church trouble, made a report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the statement of the pastor of the Lexington church touching troubles in that church, and asking assistance of Presbytery in settling the same; also the concurrent request of the church and pastor for a dissolution of the pastorial relation existing between them, respectfully report that they have considered the matter, and in view of the whole case, recommend that a Commission of three Ministers and two Ruling Elders be appointed to visit the Lexington church at an early day for the purpose of investigating and redressing, as far as possible, the evils alleged to exist in said church, and to arrange, if possible, for the continuance of the pastoral relation by the present incumbent; the said Commission to report to the adjourned meeting of the Presbytery to be held in Henderson on the first day of December next.

A communication from the church at Greensboro, including a call from that congregation for the pastoral services of E. W. Smith as associate pastor with his father J. H. Smith, D. D. for three-fourths of his time on a salary of $600, were read. On motion, the call being found in order, was ordered to be placed in the hands of Mr. Smith; and having been accepted by him, the Committee on Installations was directed to arrange for his installation.

Adjourned with prayer to meet at the call of the Moderator.

FRIDAY, October 8th.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer.

The Agent of Home Missions made a report of appointments as Missionary Supplies, which was received and adopted.

The following is the list of appointments, viz:

SUPPLIES.

Each Minister named to spend one Sabbath and as many week days as may be necessary, in filling his appointment.

At *Mt. Airy*—J. H. Smith, Craig, Crawford.

Yanceyville—Johnston, A. Currie, Allison.

Bethesda—Faucette, A. Currie, Dalton.

Chatham Field—Chester, Wilhelm, Harding, E. W. Smith.

Ashboro—J. H. Smith, Wiley.

Nahalah Field—Summerell, Sprunt, (Nahalah); Watkins, Wiley, (Wilson); Moore, Willis, (Littleton).

Oakland—Darnall, (assisting the Stated Supply).

Neuse River Field.—Vass, Isler, (at discretion).

A call from the Leaksville church for the pastoral services of Geo. W. Cook of the Mecklenburg Presbytery, was presented, and the Presbytery allowed the church to prosecute the same before the said Presbytery.

Adjourned with prayer to meet at the call of the Moderator.

SATURDAY, October 9th.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

The Committee of Installations reported arrangements as follows, for the installation of E. W. Smith as co-pastor of the Greensboro church, viz:

Jno. S. Watkins, D. D. to preside, preach, &c.; H. T. Darnall, to charge the pastor; F. H. Johnston, D. D., to charge the people. Time—the fifth Sabbath of October inst. Either to be alternate to the others.

The report of the special committee on the letter of Dr. Smith, the chairman of the Committee of Education, asking instruction by the Presbytery in reference to two of the Presbytery's candidates, viz: Messrs. Oliver and Tidball, was presented by the Committee.

The Presbytery took action as follows:

1. The Stated Clerk was instructed to write Mr. Oliver a letter of instruction as to his duty to the Presbytery through its chairman of Education.

2. *Resolved*, That Presbytery disapproves of Mr. Tidball's course in not keeping Presbytery informed of his movements for the past 2 years and in going elsewhere than to Union Seminary without the advice of Presbytery or its Agent, and in view of the whole case, the Presbytery declines to recommend any further appropriation of funds for his aid until it shall be satisfied as to the candidate's course.

J. H. Smith, D. D., L. C. Vass and J. H. Lindsay, Esq., were appointed a committee to draft a form of instructions to candidates, for the use of all candidates now or hereafter under the care of this Presbytery—the Committee to report to the next Stated Meeting in Newbern.

Adjourned with prayer to meet in Henderson on the first day of December next, at 7 o'clock P. M.

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

MINUTES

Of the Adjourned Meeting at Henderson.

HENDERSON, N. C., WEDNESDAY, December 1, 1886.

The Presbytery convened according to adjournment in the Presbyterian church, this day at 7:30 P. M., and was called to order by the Rev. Alexander Sprunt, last Moderator present, who opened the meeting with prayer.

There were present, Alexander Sprunt, J. N. H. Summerell, R. B. Willis, and Carr Moore, *Ministers;* and M. T. Savage, of Nahalah Church; R. A. Patterson, Littleton; Walton Bullock, Nutbush; and J. R. Young, Henderson, *Ruling Elders.*

J. R. Young was, on motion, appointed temporary clerk.

The church of Rocky Mount appeared in Presbytery by its Commissioners W. L. Thorpe and J. W. Hines, according to citation, to show cause why the pastoral relation between said church and the Rev. J. N. H. Summerell should not be dissolved with a view to his transfer to the charge of the Nahalah church. The commissioners and the pastor, Mr. Summerell, having been heard in relation to the matter, the Presbytery, after due consideration of the same, declined to dissolve the relation.

Rev. A. L. Crawford by letter rendered his report as a Commissioner to the General Assembly. The report was accepted and the diligence of the Commissioner commended. Mr. Crawford was also excused for absence at the last meeting, and for failure, in consequence, in his appointment to preach the Presbyterial Sermon.

The pastoral relation of Mr. Crawford to the church at Lexington was by mutual request of the parties, dissolved to take effect January 1, 1887. Mr. Crawford was appointed to declare the church vacant at the termination of the pastorate.

Wm. J. Tidball, candidate under care of Presbytery, was, at his own request, dismissed to place himself under the care of the Presbytery of Eastern Texas.

Rev. Alexander Sprunt was appointed Agent of Home Missions to supply vacancy caused by the death of the Rev. Jas. C. Alexander, until the next stated meeting of the Presbytery.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Newbern on Wednesday before the *third* Sabbath in April, next at 7:30 P. M.

Closed with prayer.

J. R. YOUNG, *Temp. Clerk.*

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

The Minutes of the proceedings of the Presbytery in their 231st and 232nd Sessions, and all intermediate meetings, having been submitted to the Synod for review, the following entry was recorded, viz:

Synod of North Carolina, Concord, N. C., October 6th, 1886.

Examined and approved.

JNO. W. PRIMROSE, *Moderator of Synod.*

Table of Assessments and Apportionments.

CHURCHES.	Presbyterial. 1 Special.	2 Annual.	3 Evangelistic.	4 Sustentation.	5 For. Miss'ns	6 Education.
Alamance	$4 75	$12	$25	$25	$40	$16 00
Ashboro	75	2	5	5	10	3 00
Bethel	4 75	12	25	25	30	16 00
Bethesda	1 50	4	4	4	8	2 50
Bethlehem	2 00	5	15	10	15	6 50
Buffalo	4 75	12	25	25	35	16 00
Calah	40	1	1	1	2	75
Chapel Hill	3 00	8	5	10	30	6 50
Croatan	40	1	2	2	3	1 00
Cross Roads	6 00	15	25	25	35	16 00
Company Shops	1 25	3	4	4	12	2 50
Durham	6 00	15	25	25	35	16 00
Eno	2 00	5	5	5	10	3 00
Fairfield	75	2	5	3	5	2 00
Geneva	2 80	7	8	8	15	5 00
Graham	10 00	25	60	60	125	40 00
Grassy Creek	40	1	1	1	2	75
Greensboro	16 00	40	100	100	300	75 00
Grier's	75	2	2	5	8	3 00
Gulf	75	2	3	3	5	2 00
Hawfields	6 00	15	25	20	35	13 00
Hawyood	1 25	3	6	2	5	1 25
Henderson	6 00	15	25	25	50	16 00
High Point	2 00	5	6	10	12	6 50
Hillsboro	2 40	6	9	10	25	6 50
Jamestown	75	2	3	5	6	3 00
Kernersville	40	1	1	1	2	75
La Grange	75	2	3	3	5	2 00
Leaksville	2 00	5	5	10	15	6 50
Lexington	6 00	15	20	20	25	13 00
Little River	4 00	10	15	12	15	8 00
Littleton	75	2	3	3	6	2 00
Madison	3 25	8	12	15	30	10 00
Mebaneville	6 00	15	24	25	50	16 00
Milton	4 75	12	20	20	40	13 00
Mount Airy	75	2	1	1	2	75
Mount Vernon	75	2	5	5	8	3 00
Nahalah	75	2	4	3	5	2 00
Newbern	10 00	25	50	50	125	35 00
New Hope	3 25	8	6	6	12	4 00
Nutbush	2 40	6	10	10	15	6 50
Oak Forest	75	2	2	2	8	1 25
Oak Hill	1 25	3	5	2	5	1 25
Oakland	75	2	3	3	5	2 00
Oxford	4 75	12	15	15	40	10 00
Pittsboro	1 60	4	8	4	8	2 50
Raleigh 1st church	16 00	40	100	100	250	75 00
Raleigh 2d church	1 25	3	—	5	10	3 00
Red House	2 00	5	6	6	13	4 00
Reidsville	6 00	15	15	15	30	10 00
Rocky Mount	1 25	3	5	5	10	3 00
Shiloh	1 60	4	5	5	10	3 00
Spring Wood	2 00	5	8	6	12	4 00
Stony Creek	1 60	4	7	10	15	6 50
Tarboro	4 00	10	10	15	35	10 00
Washington	8 00	20	45	50	100	3 00
Wentworth	1 60	4	3	10	15	6 50
Winston	10 00	25	50	60	200	40 00
Wilson	75	2	1	2	5	2 00
Worthville	75	2	1	3	5	2 00
Warrenton	75	2	1	3	5	2 00
Yanceyville	1 25	3	5	4	8	2 0
Totals	$201 05	$505	$893	$928	$2002	$627 25

N. B.—Column 1. Presbyterial Fund is the special assessment for unpaid claims—to be paid as soon as possible.

" 2. Presbyterial Fund is the standing annual assessments due April 1, each year.

" 3. " Evangelistic Fund, due April 1, each year

" 4, 5 and 6. Gen. Assembly's apportionment to this Presbytery for Home and Foreign Missions and Education, showing the amounts each church is expected to collect for said objects respectively.

ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

DOCKET

—OF THE—

TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FOURTH SESSION,

APPOINTED TO BE HELD AT

New Bern, N. C.,

13th April, 1887, at 7:30 P. M

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1. Constitute with prayer.
2. Call the Roll.
3. Elect Moderator and Clerks.
4. Read Minutes of last meeting.
5. Hear excuses of absentees.

   [The following members were absent from last meeting, viz.: Burwell, Atkinson, Wilhelm, Watkins, Willis, and Moore.]

6. Appoint the following Committees.
   1. Narrative to General Assembly and Synod.
   2. Systematic Beneficence. *Man'l R.* 16 (3).
   3. Reports of Sessions on Sessional Duties.
   4. Sessional Records. *Four Committees.*
   5. Treasurer's Account.
   6. Minutes of Synod.
   7. Devotional Exercises.
   8. Installations.
   9. Calls and Supplies. *P.* 45 *Print. Min.*
7. Are there any *new* candidates to be examined?
8. Are there any candidates to be examined?
9. Appoint an Elder on each of the Examining Committees.
10. Are there any calls or dismissions?
11. Reports of Sessions called for.
    1. State of Religion. *Read and Referred.*
    2. Systematic Beneficence. *Referred.*
    3. Sessional Duties. *Referred.*
    4. Sabbath Schools. *Referred.*
12. Reports of Permanent Committees, Agents, &c.
    1. Executive Committee of Education. Dr. Smith, Chairman.
    2. Home Missions. Sprunt.
    3. Evangelists. Thom.
    4. Sabbath Schools. Vass.
    5. Treasurer. W. S. Primrose.
    6. Trustees of Presbytery.
    7. Committee on Assessments. Johnston.
13. Reports of Licentiates. Palmer and Pell.
14. Reports of Missionary Supplies. *Print. Min. page* 207.
15. Reports of Special Committees.
    1. To verify Copied Records. Darnall.
    2. To install Carr Moore at Shiloh. Atkinson.
       and at Grassy Creek. Willis.
    3. To declare New Hope Church vacant. Wilhelm.
    4. " " Lexington " " Crawford.
    5. To draft form of instructions to candidates. Dr. Smith.
16. Report of Commission to visit Lexington Church.
17. Elect Treasurer of Presbytery.
18. " Agent of Home Missions.
19. Does J. L. Currie accept call of Fairfield Church?

20. Did Ministers perform duty as required by Presbytery? *Page* 136.
21. Appoint time for hearing Presbyterial sermon by E. H. Harding.
22. Nominate Commissioners to General Assembly.
23. Elect Commissioners to the General Assembly.
24. Appoint time and place of next meeting.
25. Any Historical sketches to be reported? *Stated Clerk, page* 158.
26. Appoint Committee of Arrangements for next S. S. Convention.
27. Read the Minutes.
28. Close with Singing, Prayer, and the Benediction.

STANDING ORDERS.

1. Devotional Exercises at 10 A. M. of *second* day.
2. Home Missions *third* day at 11 A. M.

For daily order of business refer to Manual, page 37, 22d Parliamentary Rule.

N. B.—The General Assembly meets in St. Louis the *third* Thursday (19th) in May, 1887, at 11 A. M.

I. ROLL OF THE PRESBYTERY'S CANDIDATES.

1. Wm. Cawthorne, Received June, 1881.
2. J. E. Mebane, " April, 1883.
3. S. S. Oliver, " May, 1884.
4. J. P. Paisley (second time), Received May, 1886.
5. J. E. Thacker, Received Sept., 1886.
6. C. N. Wharton, " " 1886.
7. J. J. Harrell, " Oct., 1886.

II. TRUSTEES OF DAVIDSON COLLEGE.

(Fill vacancies.)

1. T. J. Allison, Term expires, 1887.
2. T. M. Holt, " " 1888.
3. W. S. Primrose, " " 1889.
4. ———— " " 1890.
5. Geo. Allen, " " 1891.

III. EXAMINING COMMITTEES.

(Fill vacancies.)

1st Committee.—Dalton, Miller, Allison, Jas. Currie.
2nd Committee.—Johnston, Faucette, S. M. Smith, Willis.
3rd Committee.—Watkins, J. H. Smith, Wilhelm, Sprunt.
4th Committee.—Darnall, Craig, Summerell, Moore.
5th Committee.—Vass, Harding, Chester, S. M. Smith.
6th Committee.—J. H. Smith, Johnston, Watkins, Crawford.
7th Committee.—Atkinson, Darnall, Craig, Thom.
8th Committee.—Arch. Currie, ————, Vass, Isler.

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NEW BERN, N. C.,
Wednesday, April 13, 1887, 8 P. M.

The Presbytery of Orange met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. WM. S. THOM, Moderator, from Romans, 5c : 20 v., after which the Presbytery was constituted with prayer.

ROLL OF MEMBERS PRESENT.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*	*Churches.*
Arch. Currie,		
T. U. Faucette,	J. W. Lewis,	Milton.
J. M. Atkinson, D D.,		
J. H. Smith, D. D., E. W. Smith,	S. C. Smith,	Greensboro.
E. H. Harding, D. D.,	Armstrong Tate,	Graham.
F. H. Johnston, D. D.	J. M. Rogers,	Winston.
L. C. Vass,	Wm. Hollister,	New Bern.
H. T. Darnall,	R. G. Lea,	Durham.
C. Miller,		
T. J. Allison,		
S. M. Smith,	C. M. Brown,	Washington.
J. S. Watkins, D. D.,	L. D. Heartt,	Raleigh 1st ch.
D. I. Craig,	Jas. Irwin,	Reidsville.
W. F. Thom,	C. E. Houston,	Mount Vernon.
	J. M. McIver,	Gulf.
J. N. H. Summerell,		
S. H. Isler,		
W. F. Wilhelm,		
S. H. Chester,	Jas. P. Kerr,	Hawfields.
Alex. Sprunt,	Jas. R. Young,	Henderson.
R. B. Willis,		
Carr Moore,		
Samuel O. Hall.		
—23.	M T. Savage.	Nahalah.
	—14.	

MINISTERS ABSENT.—R. Burwell, D. D., G. W. Ferrill, P. H. Dalton, C. N. Morrow, C. Phillips, D. D., J. L. Currie, A. L. Crawford.

FORTY-EIGHT CHURCHES were not represented.

Rev. Wm. F. Wilhelm was chosen Moderator, and Rev. R. B. Willis with Elder Jas. R. Young, were elected temporary Clerks.

Resolved, That the first half hour of each day's session be spent in devotional exercises, and that Standing Rule 50 be suspended for this meeting. On motion, the hours for business were fixed as follows: Morning Session—9:30 A. M. to 1 P. M. Afternoon Session to begin at 3:30 P. M., and close at will.

The Rev. Samuel Oscar Hall was received as a member of the Presbytery, after the usual examination, upon a letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Montgomery.

The Rev. Edward Bull of the Congregational church, being present, was invited to sit as a visiting brother, and introduced to the Presbytery.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock. Closed with prayer by F. H. Johnston, D. D.

SECOND DAY.

Thursday, April 14, 9:30 A. M.

The Presbytery met at the appointed hour, and spent the first half hour in devotional services conducted by the Moderator.

Mr. Leo. D. Heartt was appointed Treasurer *pro tem.*

Rev. Messrs. Atkinson, Wilhelm, Watkins, and Willis were excused for absence from the last stated meeting at Milton.

The Presbyterial Committee of Education, through the chairman Dr. Smith, made their annual report, which was received and ordered to be filed. (For abstract of this report, See Appendix.)

On motion, the reading of the Minutes of the last Stated meeting was dispensed with. The Minutes of the intermediate adjourned meetings at Concord and Henderson were read, also the Minutes of a *pro re nata* meeting at Greensboro, as follows:

Greensboro, N. C., January 12, 1887.

The Presbytery of Orange met this day in the Lecture room of the Presbyterian church in accordance with the following call of the Moderator which was read, viz:

"According to Form of Government Chap. 5, Sec. 4, Par. 8, Orange Presbytery is hereby called to meet in the Presbyterian church, Greensboro, N. C., on Wednesday, January 12th, 1887, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The object of the meeting is,

1. To act on a call from Madison church (and other churches in the

field) for the pastoral services of the Rev. S. O. Hall of Montgomery Presbytery.

2. To provide, if necessary, for the vacancy now existing in the office of Treasurer of Presbytery.

WM. F. THOM, *Moderator.*

Ore Hill, N. C., Dec. 27, 1886."

Present. *Ministers*: J. H. Smith, D. D., E. H. Harding, D. D, D. I. Craig, Wm. F. Thom and E. W. Smith.

Ruling Elders. R. A. Gilmer, of Alamance church, T. C. Ford of Lexington, and J. C. Wharton of Greensboro.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Moderator Wm. F. Thom, and E.W. Smith was elected temporary Clerk.

A call from the church at Madison for the pastoral services of Rev. S. O. Hall, of the Montgomery Presbytery, for one-half of his time at a salary of $275 per annum, payable quarterly; also a call from the church at Leaksville for Mr. Hall for one-fourth of his time at a salary of $200, were presented to the Presbytery and found to be in order.

On motion these calls were ordered to be certified to be in order, and forwarded to the Presbytery of Montgomery, and permission was granted to said churches to prosecute their calls before that Presbytery.

Dr. Smith announced the death of Jesse H. Lindsay, Esq., the Treasurer of Presbytery, thus creating a vacancy in the office.

Nominations for a new Treasurer being in order, Wm. S. Primrose, Ruling Elder in the First Presbyterian church of Raleigh, N. C., was nominated, and, on motion, Mr. Primrose was elected Treasurer to serve until the stated meeting of the Presbytery at New Bern in April next.

On motion, Judge J. A. Gilmer was authorized to transfer to Mr Primrose, in case of his acceptance, the Presbyterial papers, books, and funds of the late Treasurer.

On motion, the Stated Clerk was authorized to notify the churches that Mr. Primrose is, in case of his acceptance, Treasurer of Orange Presbytery.

In view of the recent deaths of Mr. Jesse H. Lindsay, and the Rev. C. H. Wiley, D. D., a committee of three, consisting of Drs. Smith and Harding, and Elders Jno. C. Wharton, was appointed to prepare a brief paper expressing the Presbytery's deep sense of loss in the removal of these eminent servants of the Church, and report the same to the Presbytery, at its afternoon session.

Recess was then taken till 2:30 P. M.

AFTER RECESS.

The following minute reported by the Committee as above appointed, was adopted.

While Orange Presbytery now in session for a special purpose, and only a few members present, will not anticipate the memorial which with profound sorrow will be presented at its next regular meeting, touching

the recent deaths of Bro. J. H. Lindsay, and Rev. C. H. Wiley, D. D, convening at it does to-day in the Greensboro Presbyterian church, where Bro. Lindsay was for so many years an honored and faithful Elder, and where his death is sorely lamented; and while the other beloved brother, Rev. C. H. Wiley, D. D., is this very day to be carried to his grave in the town of Winston, N. C., the Presbytery would yet, however, at this meeting express its sense of its great loss, and its heartfelt grief at the death of these beloved brethren, and extend its deepest sympathy to the bereaved families.

The Minutes being then read and approved, the Presbytery adjourned. Closed with prayer and the benediction.

WM. F. THOM, *Moderator.*
E. W. SMITH. *Tem. Clerk.*

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

A communication from Rev. W. B. Tidball, complaining of the action of this Presbytery and of its Executive Committee of Education in reference to his son, W. J. Tidball, late candidate under their care, was presented, read, and referred to a special committee consisting of Messrs. Watkins, Harding, Atkinson, Lewis and Lea, to prepare and report an answer at this meeting.

Standing Committees were announced as follows:

1. *On the Narrative:*
   Harding, Currie and Tate.
2. *Systematic Beneficence:*
   E. W. Smith, Currie, Lea.
3. *Reports of Sessions on Sessional Duties:*
   Summerell, Hall, S. C. Smith.
4. *Sessional Records:*
   Section A—Isler and Lewis
   Section B—Miller, Darnall, Houston.
   Section C—Faucette, Craig, Kerr.
   Section D—Thom, Moore, Irwin.
5. *Treasurer's Account:*
   Rogers, Brown, Darnall.
6. *Minutes of Synod:*
   Allison, Heartt, Young.
7. *Devotional Exercises:*
   Vass and Hollister.
8. *Installations:*
   Watkins, Atkinson, S. C. Smith.
9. *Calls and Supplies:*
   Sprunt (*ex. off.*), Chester, Allison, Houston and Young.

A communication from the General Assembly's Committee on Sabbath Observance was referred to the Presbytery's Committee on the same subject for answer.

Rev. L. W. Crawford, of the M. E. Church, was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

A communication from Dr. Houston, Assembly's Secretary of Foreign Missions, informing the Presbytery of its apportionment of the $85,000 to

be raised for that cause was, after reading, referred to the Standing Committee on Assessments with directions to divide said apportionment among the churches of the Presbytery.

A petition signed by the officers and members of the Lexington church, praying, for reasons given, that the church be transferred to the Presbytery of Concord, was read and referred to a special committee consisting of Messrs. S. M. Smith, Moore and Lewis, to report to this meeting.

On motion, at the request of the church at Company Shops, the name of the church was changed to Burlington.

Letters from P. H. Dalton, Jas. L. Currie and A. L. Crawford rendering excuses for absence from the present meeting were read, and their excuses sustained.

A letter from Mrs. C. N. Morrow, relative to her husband's present state of health was read, and on motion, the Stated Clerk was directed to write a suitable letter of sympathy to Bro. Morrow.

A letter from Rev. J. P. McPherson, in charge of Haywood church as Stated Supply, and calls from various churches for services of Stated Supply, were read and referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies.

On motion, a Committee consisting of F. H. Johnston, D. D., J. H. Smith, D. D, and J. M. Rogers was appointed to prepare and report suitable memorials of Rev. Jas. C. Alexander, Rev. C H. Wiley, D. D., and Jesse H. Lindsay, Esq., deceased since the last meeting.

The records of the Sabbath School Convention of the Presbytery were presented and referred for review to the Committee on Sessional Records, Section C.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to retain Forty dollars ($40.) from the collections for Publication to be appropriated to the work of Colportage if the way be clear,—subject to the order of the Presbyterial Agent of Publications.

The Presbytery proceeded to hear the reports from the churches on the State of Religion, pending which recess was taken until 3:30 P. M.

AFTER RECESS,

Rev. J. J. Hines, of the Presbytery of Wilmington, was introduced to the Presbytery, and invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The reading of narratives of the State of Religion was resumed and finished, and the papers referred to the Committee on the Narrative.

On motion, upon information received, Mr. E. F. Lamb, of Elizabeth City, N. C., was requested to investigate and report as soon as possible the facts touching a legacy reported to have been left to Orange Presbytery for the building of a church in that place.

Messrs. Chester and Brown were appointed a committee to settle with the Evangelists.

The Committee on the Treasurer's Account reported the same to be correct, and disbursements sustained by proper vouchers.

The report was received and approved,—and the committee directed to report what shall be a proper voucher to the Treasurer for the paying out of funds.

The hearing of the Presbyterial Sermon, by E. H. Harding. D.D., was made the order for to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock.

On motion, the Commission appointed at the adjourned meeting at Concord to visit the Lexington church (See page 207, Print. Min.) was discharged.

The nomination of Commissioners to the General Assembly was, on motion, set for to-night after divine worship.

A request from the New Bern church to be permitted to change the conditions of their call for Pastor, was referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies.

The Committee on Copied Records reported progress. The report was received, and the committee continued.

Messrs. J. H. Smith and Johnston were appointed a committee to make nominations to fill vacancies in the Board of Trustees of the Presbytery. Beside the vacancies caused by the deaths of Messrs. J. H. Lindsay and J. H. Welborn, the name of Thos. Webb was also. on motion, dropped from the list of Trustees.

The various committees appointed for the purpose, reported

1. Failure to install Rev. Carr Moore, pastor of Shiloh church. Report received and committee continued.

2. The installation at time appointed of Rev. E. W. Smith as co-pastor of the Greensboro church.

3. That New Hope church had been declared vacant.

Mr. Wm. S. Primrose, of Raleigh, was unanimously chosen to be the Treasurer of Presbytery.

Recess was now taken until after public worship to-night.

AFTER RECESS,

The following nominations were made for Commissioners to the General Assembly to meet in St. Louis:

Ministers:— Summerell, Sprunt, Faucette, Craig, Chester, Johnston, J. H. Smith.

Ruling Elders: — A. M. McPheeters, J. A. Womack, George Allen, J. M. Rogers.

Cross Roads church was chosen as the place of the next Stated Meeting.

Presbytery then adjourned with prayer to meet to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, April 15, 9:30 A. M

Presbytery met and spent the first half-hour in devotional exercises.

Carr Moore was excused from further attendance after to-night's session.

The Minutes of the proceedings since the opening of the present sessions (Wednesday night and Thursday) were read and approved after correction.

Mr. J. W. Scott, of Greensboro, was chosen to fill the vacancy in the Presbyterial Committee of Education.

J. H. Smith, D. D., S. M. Smith, E. W. Smith and C. M. Brown were excused from further attendance after to-morrow morning's session.

The Committee on Calls and Supplies made a report which was received. The following recommendations were adopted, granting services of Stated Supply, viz:

1. Oakland church for Dr. Burwell, one Sabbath in the month.
2. Kernersville for P. H. Dalton, " " " "
3. Lexington for A. L. Crawford, two Sabbaths " "
4. Buffalo & Bethel for W. B. Tidball, temporarily until pastor is secured.
5. Wenthworth for S. O. Hall, one Sabbath in the month until the Fall Meeting.
6. Milton for T. U. Faucette, three Sabbaths in the month.
   J. S. Watkins, D. D., is appointed to visit this church and preach on the subject of the pastoral relation at some time during the present year.
7. Permission was given to the New Bern church to reduce the stipulated salary of pastor to $1,000 per annum.

Rev. Dr. Theo. Whitfield, of the Baptist Church, was introduced to the Presbytery, and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

The committee on petition of the Lexington church reported, recommending that the petition be not granted at present. Report adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the church.

Presbytery then proceeded to the standing order for the third day, to-wit: the hearing of the report of the Agent of Home Missions and of the Evangelists.

The Agent, Mr. Sprunt, made his report; also Messrs. Thom, E. W. Smith and R. P. Pell, licentiate, who have been engaged in evangelistic work. These reports were all received and filed.

The following recommendations of the Agent of Home Missions were considered *seriatim*, and adopted, viz:

1. That a committee consisting of Elders Mark Lanier, L. L. D., and Jno. H. Webb, and Rev. R. P. Willis, be appointed to inquire into the condition of Horeb church, and report at the next regular meeting of the Presbytery concerning the membership of this church, and the title and the use of the church property.
2. That Oregon church be dissolved, and its members transferred to the church at Reidsville.
3. That during the present fiscal year we will endeavor to raise for

the cause of Home Missions (Sustentation) the sum of $1000; and for the Evangelistic Fund the same amount.

4. That every pastor or stated supply and the session of each church co-operate with the board of deacons in each church in devising and executing some plan by which a personal appeal will be made to every member of our churches to contribute something to these important objects of benevolence.

5. That Presbytery at its present session take into serious consideration the expediency of electing a General Evangelist for the prosecution of the cause of Christ and Presbyterianism throughout our bounds, especially in those parts of our Presbytery where there are no organized churches of our faith, or where there are churches, though organized, yet very weak. And if Presbytery shall decide that it is expedient to elect a General Evangelist, it is further recommended that this election be held forthwith, and a committee be appointed to prepare a plan of evangelistic work for the direction of this General Evangelist.

Recess was taken until 3:30 P. M.

AFTER RECESS,

The Committee on the Sabbath made a report which was received, approved and ordered to be forwarded to the chairman of the Assembly's Committee on the Sabbath.

The committee to settle with the evangelists submitted the following report, which was received and approved:

1. Presbytery is indebted to Evangelist W. F. Thom,

On salary	$25 00
On travelling expenses	9 90
	$34 90

2. Due to Evangelist E. W. Smith,

On salary	$37 50

3. At Wilson, April 14, 1886, Presbytery engaged the services of Rev. S. H. Isler as Evangelist on promise of a salary of $200 a year. At the adjourned meeting of Presbytery at Greensboro, May 11, 1886, the amount promised to Mr. Isler was changed to $120 a year. Mr. Isler worked for six months and received therefor $60. Presbytery is due him the difference between one month's work at the rate of $200, and at $120, amounting to $8 50.

S. H. CHESTER, *Chairman.*

The following rule for the guidance of the Treasurer was adopted:—

That the Treasurer shall pay out all salaries of Evangelists and expenses of Supplies on the order of the Agent of Home Missions.

Presbytery resumed the consideration of Home Missionary work.

F. H. Johnston, D. D., Pastor of Winston church, was unanimously elected to be the General Evangelist of the Presbytery.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Sprunt, Vass, Craig, Brown and McIver was appointed to devise means and map out a plan of work for the Evangelist, to report as soon as possible.

Committee to Review Sessional Records (Section B) made a partial report which was approved.

The following new groupings of churches were approved by the Presbytery on recommendation of the Agent of Home Missions:

1. Yanceyville, Bethesda, Griers and Stony Creek, to be a pastoral charge.

2. Little River, Eno, Fairfield and New Hope, to be a pastoral charge.

3. That the Rev. Jas. L. Currie and the churches concerned be cited to appear at an adjourned meeting of Presbytery to be held in Hillsboro, on the 16th day of June next, to show cause, if any, why these groupings be not made.

Rev. Alexander Sprunt was unanimously elected the Agent of the Presbytery for Home Missions.

Committee to Review Sessional Records (Section B) reported in full. Their report was received and approved.

It was ordered that the rule requiring the report on reciprocal duties to be recorded in the Minutes of Session be discontinued.

The committee appointed to prepare a suitable response to the letter of Rev. W. B. Tidball made their report, which was received and adopted without a dissenting vote, and ordered to be forwarded to Mr. Tidball as the Presbytery's reply to his communication.

J. W. Lewis, R. G. Lea and J. R. Young were excused from further attendance after to-night's session.

Recess was then taken until 8 o'clock.

AFTER RECESS.

E. H. Harding, D. D., preached the Presbyterial Sermon according to appointment. Subject: "Christianity as related to Christ and Humanity." Text: Mark 1st c. 1st v. "The gospel of Jesus Christ."

Committee to Review Sessional Records (Section D) made their report which was received and approved.

The following Commissioners to the General Assembly were chosen:

Ministers:—Principals: J. N. H. Summerell, Alex. Sprunt.
Alternates: T. U. Faucette, F. H. Johnston, D. D.

Ruling Elders:—Principals: J. M. Rogers, A. M. McPheeters.
Alternates: J. A. Womack, Geo. Allen.

Resolved, That the expenses of the Ministers and Elders first elected be guaranteed,—the other two not guaranteed unless the money in treasury be ample.

Rev. L. C. Vass having presented the Presbytery with a copy of his book on "Eastern North Carolina. New Bern Presbyterian Church and New Bern," the following minute was adopted:

That Presbytery expresses its high appreciation of the faithful and self-denying labors of Rev. L. C. Vass, and of the very satisfactory results of those labors, in preparing a history of Presbyterianism in Eastern North Carolina in connexion with the history of the Presbyterian church in New Bern, and hereby tenders its thanks for a copy of the same.

The following resolution in reference to the Wilson church was adopted:

WHEREAS, Presbytery feels the deepest interest in the progress of

Presbyterianism in the Wilson field, and regards this as a critical time in the history of that church, we do therefore send down to all our churches the following recommendation passed a year ago, with the hope that they may be able to respond promptly and gladly to the appeal, viz:

WHEREAS, The Presbyterian church in Wilson has made strenuous efforts to erect a church building commensurate with the growth and culture of the town, and now worship in it; therefore to show our appreciation of their condition,

Resolved, That each Minister of the Presbytery be requested to bring the subject before his congregation, and a collection be taken up in aid of this faithful band.

Messrs. Summerell, Thom and Heartt were appointed a committee to investigate the "Wiley Fund," as to the amount in the hands of the Treasurer, and as to the conditions under which the said fund can be appropriated to church erection.

F. H. Johnston, D. D., Pastor of the Winston church, tendered the resignation of his pastoral charge.

A communication from the Winston church, containing action of a congregational meeting, was presented and read, from which it appeared that a majority of the congregation was opposed to the Pastor's removal.

On motion, the whole matter was deferred until to-morrow.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Presbytery has heard with pleasure Dr. Harding's thoughtful discourse upon the subject assigned him, and commends the diligence and fidelity with which he discharged his duty.

Presbytery then adjourned with prayer to meet to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, April 16, 9:30 o'clock.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and spent the first half-hour in devotional services.

A communication having been received, through L. C. Vass, from Mr. E. F. Lamb, of Elizabeth City, to the effect that Mrs. Cann, dec'd, had left from $600 to $800 to Orange Presbytery as a legacy, and that he would add $200 to the same for building a church in Elizabeth City, the Presbytery requested F. H. Johnston, D. D., to visit Elizabeth City, and look up the interests of our work there.

In this connection the following resolution was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That Presbytery has heard with deep interest of the interest in Elizabeth City in the building of a Presbyterian church in that town, and hereby assures Mr. Lamb of our sympathy in behalf of this movement, trusting that soon our General Evangelist will be able to visit them and develop this interest.

The committee appointed to draft a form of instructions to candidates (Print. Min., page 208) made the following report which was accepted and adopted.

In accordance with the resolution of Presbytery adopted last Fall, Page 208 of Minutes, your committee would recite by way of introduction and explanation, the 18th Standing Rule, defining the duties of your Presbyterial Executive Committee on Education. (See Manual, Rule 18, page 25.) In view of these matters enjoined upon your Committee of Education, the present committee would recommend to the Presbytery to require from every candidate to write at least twice every year, say during the months of September and March, to the chairman of your standing Committee on Education, giving to him (1) the candidate's name and postoffice at the time of writing; (2) what are his studies if at a College or Academy; (3) what sort of religious work he is engaged in, as to Sabbath Schools, Bible classes, prayer-meetings and such like, for his own spiritual improvement and for a good influence upon others; (4) whether he specially avails himself of the opportunities afforded him for cultivating ease and readiness in public speaking; (5) whether during vacations, or while engaged in teaching or in other honorable ways of procuring pecuniary means, he tries to be active in the discharge of his christian duties, in church attendance, in social prayer-meeting, and in other ways, as is expected of a candidate for the ministry.

In all these matters he is expected to write fully to the chairman of the Presbyterial Committee of Education.

Your present committee recommend that the Stated Clerk have a number of copies of the foregoing report printed at his earliest convenience; and that he send a copy to each of our unlicensed candidates, calling their special attention to the same.

Respectfully submitted,

J. HENRY SMITH.
L. C. VASS.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence made a report which was received, approved and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly.

(See Appendix.)

The Committee on Minutes of Synod reported that no Minutes had been placed in their hands. The report was received and the committee discharged.

The report of the Committee on Sessional Duties, after reading, was received, approved and ordered to be sent down to the churches respectively.

The reports of the Committees to revise Sessional Records (Sections A. and C.) were read, received and approved.

Rev. G. W. Neal, of the Methodist E. Church, was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Wednesday before the first Sabbath in September next, at 11 o'clock A. M., was fixed as the time for the next stated meeting of the Presbytery.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to bring in a report at the next Fall meeting of the Presbytery, what plan, if any, can be devised whereby Presbytery may be saved the waste of time involved in considering in detail the criticisms of Session Books.

F. H. Johnston, D. D., and L. C. Vass were appointed as the committee.

The following additional report from the committee on Calls and Supplies was received and adopted:

1. That Rev. Wm. F. Thom be elected evangelist for the Chatham field for twelve months; and that his salary be $350: provided this sum be necessary to bring his support to the amount of $700.

2. That Rev. E. W. Smith be elected evangelist for the Randolph field for one fourth of his time on a salary of $150.

3. That missionary supplies be ordered as follows:

Speedwell—Messrs. Craig and Hall.
Mt. Airy—Messrs. J. H. Smith, Johnston and Dalton.
La Grange—W. F. Wilhelm.
Selma—Messrs. E. W. Smith and Isler.
Shiloh—Messrs. Willis and Sprunt.
Louisburg—Dr. Atkinson.
Wilson—Dr. Watkins.
Nahalah—Messrs. Willis and Summerell.
Elizabeth City—S. M. Smith.
Neuse River field—L. C. Vass.
Chatham field—Messrs. Chester, E. W. Smith and Harding.
Randolph field—Dr. Smith.

The reports of the different supplies appointed at the last meeting were heard and received as satisfactory.

Rev. J. J. Hines, of the Wilmington Presbytery, made by request, a report of his work in Croatan field.

On motion, permission was granted to Mr. Hines to labor within our bounds.

The committee on the "Wiley Fund" reported (1) an unexpended balance of this fund to the amount of $151.62; (2) that the records did not show the conditions of the bequest.

This report was received and, on motion, the appropriation from this Fund for the building of a church at Enfield (Min. page 162) was cancelled, and $100 of the balance on hand was appropriated to the Wilson church to help extinguish debt on their building; and the remainder, $51.62, was appropriated to the Mt. Vernon church for the completion of their building.

The Committee to prepare a Narrative of the State of Religion made a report which was received, adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly and Synod of North Carolina. It is as follows:

The Presbytery of Orange reports to the General Assembly as follows:

Our churches are very generally supplied with the usual means of grace. The majority report accessions during the year,—some quite large additions. There appears no decline in the general piety of the Church and practice of religious duties. There is certainly an increasing interest in the work of Missions, both Home and Foreign. Reviewing the work of the past, and considering the prospect of the future, we regard the outlook as encouraging, and certainly indicating growing zeal and activity in the Master's work.

Thursday, June 16th, at 8 o'clock, P. M., was fixed as the time for the adjourned meeting in Hillsboro.

The following order of installation was made on recommendation of the Committee on Installations, viz:

That the Rev. S. O. Hall be installed pastor,

1. At Leaksville church on Friday before third Sunday in May next. Rev D. I. Craig preside, preach, propound questions and charge the pastor. Rev. C. Miller charge the people.

2. At Madison church, on third Sunday in May.

Rev. C. Miller preside, preach, &c., and charge the pastor. Rev. D. I. Craig charge the people.

Licentiate Robert P. Pell was elected evangelist for the Wilson-Nahalah field, salary $700.

The unfinished business was taken up, to-wit: the consideration of the request of Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D., to be released from his pastoral charge of the church at Winston. When, on motion, his request was granted, and the pastoral relation dissolved, to take effect at such time in the near future as may be determined on by the pastor and the session of the church.

The committee appointed to recommend means and map out a plan of work for the General Evangelist made the following report which was adopted:

1. That the salary of the Evangelist be $1000 annually, and his traveling expenses.

2. That the Evangelist be directed to labor in those parts of our bounds where there are no organized churches of our faith, and in vacant evangalistic fields already formed; and as opportunity permits, to visit the churches of the Presbytery in general, stimulating interest in the general evangelistic work, and in contributions. Under this general plan the work will be shaped in detail by the Agent of Home Missions and the Evangelist.

3. That the Agent be directed to seek out and solicit the assistance of efficient church workers in our various churches in raising means for prosecuting this evangelistic work.

The committee suggests that the Evangelist elect upon his decision of this election, communicate the same to the Agent of Home Missions.

The committee to present nominations to fill vacancies in the Board of Trustees of the Presbytery reported the names of Judge Jno. A. Gilmer, of Greensboro, J. M. Rogers, of Winston, and E. R. Stamps, Esq., of Raleigh, as suitable persons for Trustees. Whereupon these persons were elected Trustees of the Presbytery.

The Board now consists of Judge R. P. Dick, Chairman, Judge J. H. Dillard, Judge Jno. A. Gilmer, J. M. Rogers and E. R. Stamps.

Presbytery resolved, if the way be clear, to ordain Licentiate R. P. Pell to the full work of the ministry as an Evangelist, at the next stated meeting, and Messrs. Miller, Chester and McIver were appointed a committee to select and report a text for the trial sermon of the candidate.

On motion, the word "Convention" in paragraph 7 of the Plan of Presbyterial Sabbath School Convention, Page 181 of the Minutes, was stricken out, and the word "Presbytery" substituted therefor.

The following committee was then appointed to arrange for the hold-

ing of a Sabbath School convention at the next Fall meeting, viz: Messrs. Allison, Chester and Darnall, and Ruling Elders E. Morehead and Maj. R. Bingham.

Rev. Alexander Sprunt was elected Trustee of Davidson College to fill the unexpired term of Rev. J. C. Alexander, deceased.

Recess was then taken until after divine service to-night.

AFTER RECESS,

Arch Currie was granted permission to supply Yanceyville and Bethesda churches till a permanent supply could be secured.

John 12c. 24v., "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, &c.," was assigned to Licentiate Pell as the text of the trial sermon for ordination.

L. C. Vass, Agent of Sabbath Schools, made a report which was received approved and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly. (See Appendix.)

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Presbytery are due and are hereby tendered to the people of New Bern for their abounding and delightful hospitality to the members of Presbytery; to those churches of other denominations in the city who have extended the courtesy of offering their pulpits to be filled by our Ministers; and to various railroad lines which have extended the courtesy of reduced rates.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made a report of appointments for preaching on the Sabbath by Ministers of the Presbytery. The report was received and adopted.

The Presbytery then proceeded to hold memorial services touching members of the body who departed this life since the last meeting.

The Committee appointed for the purpose, through the chairman, F. H. Johnston, D. D., reported the following minutes, which were read and adopted, ordered spread on the minutes and a copy sent to the families of the deceased respectively. Remarks were made by various members, and Rev. Arch. Currie led the Presbytery in prayer.

IN MEMORIAM.

The Presbytery of Orange in view of their recent sad bereavements by death of beloved and honored brethren in the Lord, with profound sense of their loss, humble and devout recognition of the chastening hand of God, and as an affectionate and fitting tribute to the memory of the dead, do adopt and place upon record the following memorial minutes:

I.

REV. JAMES CALVIN ALEXANDER.

This beloved brother was born in Lincolnton, N. C., October 2, 1832, and died at his home in Guilford County, the 15th of November last, in the 55th year of his age. After studying at Davidson College, and at both the Divinity Schools at Hampden Sidney, Va., and Columbia, S. C., he was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Concordin 1859; transferred to this Presbytery in 1861, and ordained by the same, and installed pastor of Buffalo and Bethel churches in July of the same year, in which charge he continued without interruption until his death, a period of over twenty-five years.

Mr. Alexander was a man of sterling character, and commanded the esteem and confidence of all who knew him, for his integrity, his piety, and his sound judgment. There was in him a loveableness also which revealed itself freely in the inner circles of the family and personal friendships, and gained for him warm and lasting attachments.

As a pastor he was universally esteemed and beloved by his people, young and old, not merely on account of his genial and cheerful social nature, but because they felt that he bore their spiritual interests on his heart, and labored constantly for their spiritual improvement.

His preaching, both in pulpit and from house to house, was always direct and earnest, having the one practical aim of personal salvation and holiness of life. His sermons never lacked pith and point, and were usually delivered with great impressiveness of manner and solemn, yet tender, unction. He was a wise, judicious and successful disciplinarian. He could rebuke and exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine without giving needless offense or exciting personal resentments, yet gaining his point with the careless and blameworthy.

As a presbyter his praise was in all the churches. He was a good counsellor among his brethren, and possessed of such measure of administrative ability, that his Presbytery devolved upon him alone, year after year, the conduct of its Home Mission work. The anxious and thoughtful labor connected with this work, added to the faithful care of a large and laborious pastorate, taxed both the mental and physical strength of this lamented brother severely, more so probably than was suspected by his nearest friends.

The last sermon by him was delivered the day before his death to his Bethel congregation from the words, "*She hath done what she could.*"

Our brother was a true man—true to Christ, to the truth, and to his fellow-men, and leaves behind the record of a diligent and faithful work man that needed not to be ashamed. Death found him in harness, at his post of duty; found him ready for the Master's call. His tent was struck in haste, and he was away before parting words could be said, or dying testimonies uttered in the ear of loved ones silent with amazement and helpless grief, but for him the quick departure was no fatal surprise. His work here was done, and the gracious Master called him quickly to his reward.

II.

REV. CALVIN HENDERSON WILEY, D. D.,

Was born in the bounds of the Alamance congregation, county of Guilford, N. C., on the 3rd of February, 1819, and died suddenly at his residence in Winston, N. C, on the 11th of January, 1887, in the 68th year of his age. He was graduated with honor at the University of the State in 1840, having first attended school at the Caldwell Institute in Greensboro. Having chosen the profession of Law he settled in the town of Oxford, where he remained several years, and then impelled by the condition of his father's family, whose care he thenceforth assumed, he returned to Guilford, gave up the practice of law, and turned his attention to public affairs. He represented his native county in the State Legislatures from 1849–'53, and it was during those years that he became interested and actively enlisted in the cause of Public Education. It is in connexion with this work that Dr. Wiley was most widely and best known in this and other States,—a work which links his name with the history and progress of North Carolina as one of its foremost citizens and benefactors. After the close of the late civil strife between the States, Dr. Wiley retired from all connexion with public educational work, and in 1869 accepted position as Agent of the American Bible Society, which place he filled until his death,—first in Middle and East Tennessee, then in North and South Carolina.

Conspicuous ability and earnest devotion and rare success attended his services both to the State and the Bible cause. He did a noble work for civilization and christianity, which will not be forgotten neither here nor hereafter. Dr. Wiley believing himself called to preach the gospel also, was licensed by this Presbytery in 1855, having studied and prepared himself privately; and after the war was over he sought and obtained ordination to the full work of a minister of the Gospel, and although he never became settled as a pastor, he was very abundant in labors as a preacher, especially in connexion with the Bible work. He was also for many years a Ruling Elder of the Alamance church.

Brother Wiley was both by nature and acquirement a gifted man, and used all his varied gifts unselfishly for the good of his fellow man. Says one who knew him well from the beginning of his professional career: "In natural utility, in gifts as a writer, in originality of thought, in usefulness, he was one of the best equipped men in the State. Always agreeable in social life, he was simple, gentle, unpretending, gracious, genial,—a guileless man, true, sincere, lovable." If to this testimony, which all who knew Bro. Wiley will at once receive as true, we add the crown of all—an humble, but expressive piety, loyalty to truth and to Christ, keen and loving sympathies with all that affected the welfare and upward-lifting of his fellow-men, the portrait is complete. In his death the Church of God, and also the State, sustain a loss that is widely felt and deplored. Although in his case also the summons to leave all below came quickly, it found him ready, and his life of varied usefulness is the most noble monument, already erected, to his memory.

III.

JESSE H. LINDSAY

Was born at Martinsville, the old county seat of Guilford County, December 17th, 1808, and died December 22d, 1886. While quite young he came to Greensboro, and afterwards engaged in the mercantile business. He represented the county of Guilford in the Legislature as a member of the House of Commons for several terms, and as a member of the State Senate in the years 1844–'45.

He was ordained and installed as a ruling elder of the Greensboro church in November, 1849, and for 37 years discharged the duties of this high office with fidelity and conscientiousness,—a wise and valued counsellor, often representing the church in the Presbytery and Synod, and frequently chosen by the Presbytery to represent it in the General Assembly. He was treasurer for many years of the Presbytery and of the Synod, and a Trustee of the General Assembly of our Church, interested always in whatever helped to promote good morals and christian piety,—himself a model and attractive example of both. His church, his Presbytery, his Synod and his fellow-citizens, here and elsewhere, loved and trusted him, and felt at all times that their highest spiritual interests were safe when committed to his trust and care. The confidence of all in his upright character, his wisdom and prudence, was unbounded. At no time and under no circumstances did that confidence ever falter, nor was it ever shaken.

We record in thankfulness to God's grace his high-toned and incorruptible integrity, his pleasant and gentle spirit and manners, his patient, persevering, unwearied and cheerful devotion to whatever he felt was incumbent upon him, his example of fidelity and truth and honor and conscientiousness in his varied and responsible sphere of personal and official duty.

They are all beautiful testimonials to his worth,—to our gain in such a life, to our loss in such a death, and to the praise of the divine grace that made him what he was, and has taken him to be forever where he now is.

The Minutes were read, corrected and approved.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Hillsboro, on Thursday, 16th June, at 8 P. M.

Closed with singing, prayer and apostolic benediction.

(Signed) R. B. WILLIS.
J. R. YOUNG.
Temporary Clerks.

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

Presbyterial Report on Systematic Beneficence.

The Report of the Presbytery of Orange to the General Assembly and Synod, for the year ending April, 1887.

OBJECTS.	NUMBER OF CONGREGATIONS CONTRIBUTING.	AMOUNTS.
Sustentation	Forty-eight	$ 739 90
Evangelistic	Forty-seven	625 17
Invalid Fund	Forty-two	269 28
Foreign Missions	Fifty-one	2016 55
Education	Forty-seven	408 70
Publication	Thirty-six	240 44
Tuskaloosa Institute, (oolored)	Twenty-four	107 30
Total		$ 4407 34

Twenty-three Congregations have contributed to all the seven objects of benevolence ordered by the General Assembly; Ten have contributed to six; Six have contributed to five; Seven have contributed to four; Four have contributed to three; One has contributed to two; Five have contributed to one; Seven have contributed to none.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1886	1887	GAIN.	LOSS.
Sustentation	$ 896 28	$ 739 90	$	$ 156 38
Evangelistic	828 48	625 17		203 31
Invalid Fund	308 33	269 28		39 05
Foreign Missions	1980 48	2016 55	36 07	
Education	492 23	408 70		83 53
Publication	283 15	240 44		42 71
Tuskaloosa Institute	103 68	107 30	3 62	
Totals	$4892 58	$4407 34		$ 485 29

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

CONDENSED STATEMENT.

SCHEDULE OF TOTALS FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1887.
RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND BALANCES
ON HAND MARCH 31, 1887.

Foreign Missions.	Receipts, Mar. 31, 1886 to Mar. 31, 1887,	1691	69		
	Remitted to Com. in Baltimore,	1691	90		
Sustentation.	Receipts year ending Mar. 31, 1887,	767	59		
	Remitted Com. in Balto. and Atlanta,	767	59		
Invalid Fund.	Receipts year ending Mar. 31, 1887,	294	88		
	Remitted Com. Balto. and Atlanta,	294	88		
Col. Theo. Institute.	Receipts year ending Mar. 31, 1887,	109	80		
	Remitted Com. Balto. and Atlanta,	109	80		
Education.	Receipts year ending Mar. 31, 1887,	352	50		
	Remitted Com. Education,	352	50		
Publication.	Receipts year ending Mar. 31, 1887,	278	91		
	Remitted Com. Richmond, Va.,	278	91		
	Bal. on hand, retained by order of Presb'y,			33	93
Wiley Fund.	Bal. on hand now and prior to Mar. 31, '86,			151	62
Synodical Fund.	Bal. on hand " " " " " " "			82	55
Bible Cause.	Received and on hand,			3	00
Thornwell Orphanage.	" " "			9	00
Evangelist Fund.	Balance on hand Mar. 31, 1886,	189	53		
	Receipts year ending Mar. 31, 1887,	632	20		
	Total	821	73		
	Disbursements year ending Mar. 31, '87,	387	53		
	Balance on hand Mar. 31, 1887,			434	20
Presbyterial Fund.	Balance on hand Mar. 31, 1886,	54	82		
	Receipts year ending Mar. 31, 1887,	494	64		
	Total	549	45		
	Disbursements year ending Mar. 31, '87,	282	08		
	Balance on hand Mar. 31, 1887,			222	38

W. S. PRIMROSE, *Treasuree.*

PRESBYTERIAL REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Report of the Presbytery of Orange to the General Assembly for the Year ending April 1, 1887.

NAMES OF SCHOOLS.	NUMBER ON ROLLS.		AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.		SCHOLARS ADMITTED TO COMMUNION.	CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE SCHOOLS	
	Teachers.	Scholars.	Teachers.	Scholars.		For their own Expenses.	For Other Purposes.
1 Alamance	12	120	10	75	12	$	$ 6 50
2 Bethel	13	95	10	75		5 00	
3 Bethlehem	5	40	4	25	9	1 00	
4 Buffalo	8	61	7	49	5		
5 Cross Roads	5	48	5	23	6	2 28	
6 Company Shops	5	30	4	20	5		
7 Chapel Hill	4	27	3	18		12 00	8 00
8 Croatan	5	26	5	18			
9 Durham	11	98	8	61	2	113 00	8 00
10 Fairfield	7	100	5	70			
11 Graham	9	52	6	33		19 51	
12 Geneva	6	63	3	35	5	5 00	4 00
13 Griers	6	30	4	20		7 00	
14 Greensboro (1)	23	176	20	103	24	103 00	4 00
15 Chapel (2) Green. also	16	120	12	77	7	66 00	4 00
16 High Point	5	60	5	40	9	24 00	4 00
17 Hillsboro	8	50	6	35			
18 Hawfields	9	107	6	59	15	11 00	
19 Henderson	13	73	10	55	2	55 00	18 00
20 Jamestown (Union)	7	80	5	45		10 00	
21 Kernersville	2	19	2	14	1	6 00	
22 Lexington	11	73	10	65		7 00	
23 Leaksville	5	65	3	35	2		
24 Mt. Airy	5	30	4	25	1	15 00	
25 Madison	10	45	6	25		6 00	3 00
26 Alpha Chapel	8	45	5	30		8 00	
27 Mebanesville	8	75	8	60		12 00	31 00
28 Milton	8	48	7	43	3	9 00	
29 Mt. Vernon	4	30	3	25			
30 Ore Hill	3	20	2	20		3 00	
31 Nutbush	6	43	5	25	1	5 00	
32 New Hope	10	73	8	39		4 00	
33 New Bern	14	74	9	48		30 00	86 09
34 Oxford	9	80	6	60	1		10 00
35 Reidsville	13	114	9	75	4	38 00	6 00
36 Raleigh (1st)	21	155	17	88	5	203 00	34 00
37 Raleigh (2nd)	9	45	9	40		16 00	7 00
38 Rocky Mount	4	35	3	25	1	13 00	2 00
39 Stoney Creek	8	78	4	30	3		
40 Spring Wood (Union)	3	25	3	20	7		
41 Tarboro	7	45	7	35	1	69 00	1 00
42 Winston	17	102	12	68	8	93 00	18 00
43 Wilson	7	35	6	25		68 00	
44 Washington	25	184	20	112	4	49 00	10 00
45 Nahalah	3	70	3	30		5 00	
46 Red House	6	36				8 00	5 67
	402	3090	809	1998	143	$1103 00	$269 67

47 Littleton. A large School was taught by an Elder in a *Methodist* church; he used Earnest Worker and Lesson Papers. The *Presbyterian* church was too far away.

48 Little River. Schools are maintained in different parts of the Congregation by Elders.

49 Oakland. A School is conducted four miles from the church by an Elder, and has an average attendance of twenty scholars.

SIX other churches send up blanks; they have no Schools generally, because there are no children.

Fifty-three (53) of 67 churches report. Some of those not reporting are nominal and have no *Sessions*. The Schools are regulated by the Sessions. Almost universally the Pastors and some of the Elders attend. Preaching to children apart from the Congregation is not general, and times for a childrens' service are not regular. The Catechisms are generally taught, and in a number of Schools the Confession of Faith and Form of Government also. The *Children's Friend* and *Earnest Worker* are taken in many Schools,—the majority, The Scriptures are usually memorized, but not by all the Scholars. Scarcely any other books are used except Comentaries and the International Lesson papers of our Committee. From more than one-half of the Schools there have been additions to the roll of full membership; in some cases large numbers are reported. Only three (3) Schools take up collections for all seven objects; ONE for ALL except Tuscaloosa, and these four Schools (*Geneva, Henderson, Winston and New Bern*) contributed nearly one-half the whole amount raised for "*other purposes.*" Scholars generally attend preaching. No opportunity appears to be open for Schools among the colored people, as they prefer to attend their own colored churches and Schools. This Presbytery is conducting a successful Sabbath School Convention in connection with its Fall Sessions, and by a regular programme of Exercises.

I. STATISTICAL REPORT.

THE PRESBYTERY, 1887.

MINISTERS.	POST OFFICES.		CHARGES.
Robert Burwell, D. D. ..	Raleigh,	N. C.	Oakland, S. S.
Geo. W. Ferrill.....	Tally Ho,	"	Infirm.
Arch. Currie.....	Yanceyville,	"	Yanceyville and Bethesda Sup.
T. U. Faucette.....	Milton,	"	Milton, S. S. Red House, P.
J. M. Atkinson, D. D.....	Raleigh,	"	Second Ch., P. Warrenton, Sup.
P. H. Dalton.....	High Point,	"	{High Point, P.; Jamestown and Kernersville, S. S.
J. H. Smith, D. D.....	Greensboro,	"	Greensboro, P.
E. W. Smith.....	"	"	{Greensboro, P. Randolph Co. Evang.
E. H. Harding, D. D.....	Graham,	"	Graham, P.
F. H. Johnston, D. D....	Winston,	"	Winston. P. Gen'l Ev. E.
C. N. Morrow	Hawthorne,	Fla.	Invalid.
C. Phillips, D. D.....	Chapel Hill,	N. C.	Prof. Emer. University of N. C.
L. C. Vass	New Bern,	"	New Bern, P.
H. T. Darnall.....	Durham,	"	Durham, P
C. Miller.....	Greensboro,	"	{Alamance, Spring Wood, and Burlington, P.
T. J. Allison	Bingham School,	"	Mebanesville and Bethlehem, P.
J. L. Currie.....	Hillsboro,	"	{Eno, Little River, Grier's and Stoney Creek, P.
S. M. Smith.....	Washington,	"	Washington, P.
J. S. Watkins, D. D.....	Raleigh,	"	First Church, P.
D. I. Craig.....	Reidsville	"	Reidsville and Oak Forest, P.
W. F. Thom	Ore Hill,	"	Chatham County, Evang.
J. H. N. Summerell.....	Tarboro,	"	Tarboro and Rocky Mount, P.
A. L. Crawford.....	Lexington,	"	Lexington, S. S.
S. H. Isler.....	Goldsboro,	"	W. C.
W. F. Wilhelm.....	Hillsboro,	"	Hillsboro and Chapel Hill, P.
S. H. Chester.....	Mebanesville,	"	Hawfields and Cross Roads, P.
Alex. Sprunt.....	Henderson,	"	Henderson, P.
R. B. Willis.....	Oxford,	"	Oxford and Geneva, P.
Carr Moore.....	Townesville,	"	{Nutbush, Grassy Creek, Shiloh, and Oak Hill.
S. O. Hall.....	Madison,	"	{Madison, and Leaksville, P. Wentworth. S. S.
—30.			
LICENTIATES.			
B. B. Palmer, (col.).....	Milton,	N. C.	Teaching.
R. P. Peel.....	Wilson,	"	E. E. Wilson. Nahalah Field.
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CANDIDATES.			
Wm. Cawthorne, (col.)..	Manson,	N. C.	Teaching.
J. E. Mebane.....	Chapel Hill,	"	Student, University of N. C.
S. S. Oliver.....	Madison,	"	
Jas. P. Paisley...	Hampden Sidney,	Va.	Student U. T. Seminary.
J. E. Thacker.....	Greensboro,	N. C.	" Davidson College.
C. N. Wharton.....	"	"	" " "
J. J. Harrell, M. D.....	Gulf,	"	" Hampden Sidney Col.
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II. STATISTICAL REPORT.

CHURCHES AND THEIR MEMBERSHIP, APRIL, 1887.

CHURCHES.	Officers.		Communicants.				Baptisms.		
	Elders.	Deacons.	Added on Profession.	Aded on Certificate.	Whole Number.	Non-resident Members.	Adults.	Infants.	Baptized Non-Communicants.
Alamance	6	6	12	1	243	26	3	7	102
Ashboro	2	2	2		25	11	1		2
Bethel	6	8	5		165	5	4		
Bethesda	3	1			27	6			1
Bethlehem	4	4	11	3	82	7	5	3	28
Buffalo	4	5	7	1	137	3	1	3	38
Burlington	3	2	5	8	60	8	2	3	25
Calah	2	1			8	1	4	2	
Chapel Hill	3	2		5	41			1	
Croatan	4	1	1		10	1		1	
Cross Roads	7	8	8	1	150	10	4		
Durham	5	4	11	10	119	15	7	3	
Eno	4	4	13	1	65	4	11		
Fairfield	4	3			34				
Geneva	5	2	14		64	1	6	6	32
Graham	5	4	3		114	21		3	
Grassy Creek	1	1			14	1		1	6
Greensboro	7	8	46	21	377	30	13	18	200
Grier's	2	1	1	1	16	1		6	
Gulf	2	2	1		20	2	1		10
Hawfields	6	5	20		175		11		
Haywood	1	2	1		17			2	2
Henderson	4	5	9	5	83	10		5	49
High Point	3	2	10	3	52	4	7	1	45
Hillsboro	2	1	2	2	52	1	1		30
Jamestown	2	1			20				1
Kernersville	2	1	1	1	11	1			3
La Grange	3				13				
Leaksville	3	2	2	3	37	5	3	2	13
Lexington	3	6	1		92	6	1	1	52
Little River	9	5	10		191		5		
Littleton	1			1	15	4		1	15
Madison	5	5		1	99	6			20
Mebanesville	2	1	3	2	77	18	2		19
Milton	6	4	10	1	105	18	3	2	
Mount Airy	3	1	5	2	20	1	3	9	
Mount Vernon	4	3	1		31	1	1	2	11
Nahsiah	2	3	10		41		10	14	
New Bern	3	3	1	1	106	16			80
New Hope	7	3	1		93	6	1		
Nutbush	4	2	3	4	48			1	23
Oak Forest	3	2	2		19		2		11
Oak Hill	2			1	17			2	
Oakland	3		1	1	17	1	1		
Oxford	5	4	10	18	86	4	2	7	31
Pittsboro	3	2	1		30	7	1		7
Raleight, 1st church	9	8	19	7	201	47	4	5	150
Raleigh, 2nd church	2	2	1	3	39	3			
Red House	5	4			42		1	21	36
Reidsville	5	7	17	7	130	6	9	1	13
Rocky Mount	3	1	4	3	26	3	3	1	15
Shiloh	3	2	4		37	6			24
Spring Wood	4	3	18	2	83		9	7	37
Stoney Creek	4	4	3	1	76	1	1		10
Tarboro	3		7	1	43	4	1	2	34
Washington	4	9	7	2	192	27	2	5	136
Wentworth	4	2			50	9			13
Warrenton	2		2		19	5		1	
Winston	6		11	6	163	25	3	8	80
Wilson	1	5		2	26				
Worthville	2	1			13				
Yanceyville	2				14				
Speedwell [No Session]					10				
Horeb " "					6				
Louisburg " "					8				
Elkin " "					4				
Totals	229	183	337	132	4500	398	149	157	1402
Last Year	233	180	236	151	4370	334	82	114	1414
Increase		3	101		130	64	67	43	
Decrease	4			19					12

III. STATISTICAL REPORT.

COLLECTIONS, APRIL, 1887.

(Churches not in this list made no report.)

CHURCHES.	Sustentation.	Evangelistic.	Invalid Fund.	Foreign Miss.	Education.	Publication.	Tuskaloosa In.	Bible Cause.	Presbyterial.	Pastor's Salary Paid.	Pastor's Salary Promised.	Congregational	Value of Manse.	Miscellaneous.
Alamance	$ 25	25	6	64	7	3	7	16	17	519	500	48		
Ashboro		5		3	4				3	56	75	4		
Bethel	2		4	17	3	2			12	215	349			106
Bethesda	1	2		2	1				4					3
Bethlehem	5	2	1	5	2	2			7	178	225	7		
Buffalo	8		3	22	3	2			17	376	400	47		
Burlington	4	4	1	12	3	1	1		4	100	100	25		
Calah	1	1		1					1					
Chapel Hill	6	5	3	30	5	3		3	4	450	450	88		12
Cross Roads	17	13	1	31	3	1			13	460	460	425	900	13
Durham	25	15	10	35	8	5			15	1200	900	250	3500	300
Eno	10	3		4	7				4	75	100			
Gennva	8	8	4	14	5	2	2		7	200	200	5		56
Graham	40	50	14	125	7	4		14	55	1200	1200	112	2000	
Grassy Creek	3								1	70	70			
Greensboro	71	42	13	230	40	14	9		56	2054	2200	1076		48
Grier's	3	7		9					3		150			
Gulf	3	3	1	6	2	1	1	1	3	100	100	90		10
Hawfields	5	10	5	18	3	1			15	460	460	149	900	7
Haywood		4								54	60			
Henderson	42	14	16	123	24	19	7	7	21	1000	1000	468	2500	36
High Point	10	6	4	12	6	3	2	1	7	175	175	18		25
Hillsboro	27	15	11	48	5	5	2	7	8	500	500		1500	66
Jamestown	5	1	2	5	1	1	1		3	60	60			5
Kernersville	1	1		2	1				1	75	75	3		21
Leaksville		3	4	14	2	2				160	200	100		25
Lexington			3							600	400	64	2500	
Little River	4	8	4	15	2					200	200			
Littleton	4	31	2	10	3	1	1		3					
Madison	12	10		16	7	3	3		8	62	275	250		22
Mebanesville	25	24	10	100	2	4	1		21	568	500	113		6
Milton	6	20	12	26	14	6	5		12		600		1000	15
Mt. Airy									3					
Mount Vernon	1	5	1	8	1		1	1	2	85	85	6		
Nahalah	3	4		5	2				3		200			65
New Berne	88	25	30	105	45	25		6	35	1071	1400	182	2000	38
New Hope	2		2	4	2				10	188	200	1		1
Nutbush	14	13	5	18	11	6	4	3	5	300	300	38	500	7
Oak Forest	2	2	1	8	2	1	1		3	100	100	8		
Oak Hill	2	4		5	1				4	76	150	58		
Oakland				4						60	60			
Oxford	34	15	10	65	17	17	8		17	388	600	90	3000	15
Pittsboro	4	8	1	12	1		2		6	100	100	18		
Raleigh, 1st church	81	81	1	394	30	47	15	30	40	1600	1600	1266	6000	237
Raleigh 2nd church				25						400		351	2000	13
Red House	4	5	3	8	9	2		2	2	56	150			9
Reidsville	15	15	10	40	15	8	4	32	21	537	625	645	2500	257
Rocky Mount	5	5	2	5	2				4	200	200	33		22
Shiloh	1	1	4		2	2			1	48	110			
Spring Wood	6	8	3	12	2	3	1		6	100	100	2		
Stony Creek	4	2	3	8	2	2			5	100	100			
Tarboro	15	10	5	35	10	5	2	3	14	600	600	218	2000	85
Warrenton	3	1	1	5	2	1	1	10	2	110	110	60		5
Washington	21	45	17	60	26	19	17	40	20	1000	1000	272	2500	238
Wentworth			2	16							175			
Winston	60	50	36	179	40	15	7	12	35	1010	900	364	4000	
Wilson	2	1		5	2				3		150			
Totals	$740	632	271	2025	394	238	105	188	566	19296	20990	6954	39300	1768
Last Year	896	828	306	1980	488	282	103	62	435	18402	19398	9543	39300	2520
Increase				$ 45			2	126	131	894	1592			
Decrease	156	196	35	94	44							2589		752

MINUTES

OF THE

TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION

OF THE

PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE,

HELD AT

CROSS ROADS CHURCH,

ALAMANCE COUNTY, N. C.,

AUGUST 31--SEPTEMBER 3, 1887.

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MINUTES.

Cross Roads Church, Alamance Co., N. C.
Wednesday, August 31, 1887.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by Rev. Wm. F. Wilhelm, *Moderator*, from I Cor., 2c. 2v., after which it was constituted with prayer.

ROLL OF MEMBERS.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*	*Churches.*
Arch. Currie,	E. J. Orr,	Bethesda.
T. U. Faucette,		
P. H. Dalton,		
J. H. Smith, D.D.,	R. P. Dick,	Greensboro.
E. H. Harding, D.D..	J. H. Holt,	Graham.
F. H. Johnston, D.D.,		
H. T. Darnall,	J. A. Long,	Durham.
C. Miller,	J. A. McAuley,	Burlington.
T. J. Allison,	T. M. Cheek,	Mebaneville.
J. L. Currie,	T. H. Hughes,	Eno.
	J. H. Woods,	Little River.
	T. J. Garrison,	Stony Creek.
S. M. Smith,		
J. S. Watkins, D.D.,	A. M. McPheeters,	Raleigh, 1st ch'rch.
D. I. Craig,	Jas. W. Milner,	Oak Forest.
Wm. F. Thom,	J. J. White,	Mt. Vernon.
S. H. Isler,		
W. F. Wilhelm,	L. Lynch,	Hillsboro.
S. H. Chester,	J. G. Walker,	Cross Roads.
Alex. Sprunt,	Sam'l Watkins,	Henderson.
R. B. Willis,		
S. O. Hall,	Wm. G. Anderson,	Madison.
	T. B. Donnell,	Buffalo.
	J. A. McLean,	Bethel.
	S. C. Kirkland,	New Hope.
	Duncan Brown,	Fairfield.
	Stephen Neal,	Winston.

The Rev. R. B. Willis was chosen Moderator, and H. T. Darnall and J. A. McAuley, Temporary Clerks.

Rev. H. T. Darnall presented the Presbytery with a gavel for the Moderator, and the Presbytery returned its thanks for the gift.

Rev. S. H. Chester, pastor of Cross Roads church, asked leave to extend a hearty welcome to the Presbytery, and to present to Presbytery the new house of worship just completed. Accepted with thanks.

Rev. Wm. R. Coppedge, of Montgomery Presbytery, was invited to sit as a corresponding member, and introduced by the Moderator.

Recess was then taken until 2:30 P. M.

AFTER RECESS,

On motion, the reading of the Minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with, save the proceedings of an adjourned meeting at Hillsboro, which were read as follows:

MINUTES

Of the Adjourned Meeting at Hillsboro.

Hillsboro, N. C., June 18, 1887. 8 P. M.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment in the Presbyterian church, and after a sermon by Rev. F. H. Johnston, D.D., was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Wm. F. Wilhelm.

There were present Rev. Messrs. Wilhelm, A.Currie, J. L. Currie, Darnall, Chester and Johnston.

With Ruling Elders C. E. Parrish, of Hillsboro church; Jas. P. Kerr, of Hawfields; W. W. White, of Burlington; and J. L. Wilson, of Stony Creek.

The committee appointed to install Rev. S. O. Hall pastor at Madison and Leaksville, reported duty performed at former church, but not at the latter for reason, and asked to be discharged.

The report was received, and the committee discharged.

The following order was then made for the installation of Mr. Hall at Leaksville,—the time being left to the discretion of the committee.

Rev. Arch. Currie to preside, propound the constitutional questions and deliver charge to pastor.

Rev. J. H. Smith, D.D., to preach, and deliver charge to the people.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING, June 19.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer.

The following additional members were enrolled: Rev. Alex. Sprunt; Elders N. D. Bain, of Eno; Duncan Brown, of Fairfield; and G. W. Walker, of Grier's.

Mr. Adolphus W. Cheatham, member of the Henderson church, and student of Davidson College, was introduced and examined on experimental piety, and his motives for seeking the gospel ministry.

This examination having been sustained as satisfactory, Mr. Cheatham was received under the care of the Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry, and recommended to the Board of Education.

Elders N. P. Hall, of Little River church, and Leroy Craig, of New Hope church, were enrolled.

Mr. J. E. Mebane, candidate of this Presbytery, having asked advice and permission of the Presbytery in reference to entering the Theological Seminary next fall, the matter was referred finally to the Presbyterial Committee of Education for decision.

The report from the Faculty of Union Theological Seminary on the literary standing of Mr. Jas. P. Paisley, student of the Seminary and candidate of this Presbytery, was received after being read.

A communication from S. A. White, touching the sketch of Hawfields church, that he was appointed to prepare, was read and received.

The Stated Clerk presented and read a communication from E. F. Lamb, Esq , of Elizabeth City, touching the bequest of Mrs. Celia Cann.

The following resolution was therefore adopted:

Resolved, That E. F. Lamb, Esq., of Elizabeth City, N. C., be, and he is hereby authorized to act as the representative of this Presbytery in the matter of the bequest of the late Mrs. Celia Cann, for the building of a Presbyterian church in that place.

The Presbytery then took up the matter of grouping the churches in Orange and Caswell counties, deferred from the Stated Meeting in New Bern.

The Stated Clerk reported that he had notified and cited all parties concerned to be present at this meeting; whereupon commissioners from the churches of Grier's and Stony Creek, from Fairfield, Eno, Little River and New Hope churches, were all heard in reference to the proposed grouping. After a full conference the groupings were adopted as follows:

1. The Caswell group to form one pastorate, viz: Yanceyville, Bethesda, Stony Creek and Grier's churches.

2 The Orange group to form one pastorate, viz: Eno, Little River, Fairfield and New Hope.

The effect of this was *per se* to dissolve the pastoral relation existing between Rev. Jas. L. Currie and the churches of Grier's and Stony Creek,

and it was accordingly declared dissolved, to take effect on the first day of September next.

Fairfield church having presented a call for Rev. Jas. L. Currie, for one-fourth of his time at a salary of $100 per annum; it was read, found in order, and placed in Mr. Currie's hands.

In consequence of a communication from some Elders of New Hope church and of statements made on the floor of Presbytery, revealing a condition of trouble and dissension in that congregation, the Presbytery appointed a commission to visit it at the earliest possible date and investigate the trouble and redress existing evils.

The following were appointed on the commission: F. H. Johnston, D.D., Alex. Sprunt, S. H. Chester, *Ministers;* Leo D. Heartt, of the Raleigh 1st church, and R. G. Lea, of Durham, *Ruling Elders.*

Alternates: Rev. Messrs. Watkins, Miller and Allison, and Elders Wm. G. Primrose and Armstrong Tate.

Rev. Alex. Sprunt announced the acceptance by F. H. Johnston, D.D., of the position and office of General Evangelist for the Presbytery to which he had been elected at the meeting in New Bern.

Mr. Johnston's pastoral relation to the Winston church terminating by mutual agreement between himself and the church on the first day of July prox., (see Minutes, page 225,) he was directed to declare the church vacant after that date.

Messrs. Walker, Wilson, White and Hall were excused from further attendance after this morning's session.

Messrs. Johnston, Summerell and Pell were appointed to preach at La Grange in rotation once every six weeks.

Mr. Sprunt was, at his own request, released from the appointment to preach at Shiloh church.

Mr. Jas. L. Currie accepted the call from Fairfield church, and on motion the arrangements for his installation were deferred until the Fall meeting, August 31st.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Cross Roads church, Wednesday, the 31st of August next, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Attest: F. H. Johnston, *Stated Clerk.*

The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees:

1. *Minutes of General Assembly*—S. M. Smith, D. I. Craig, J. A. Long.
2. *Devotional Exercises*—S. H. Chester, T. J. Allison, J. G. Walker.
3. *Installations*—P. H. Dalton, W. F. Wilhelm, Stephen Neal.
4. *Calls and Supplies* — Alex. Sprunt, C. Miller, E. H. Harding, D.D., R. P. Dick, T. B. Donnell.
5. *Leave of Absence*—P. H. Dalton.

Mr. Charles D. Price, a candidate of East Hanover Presbytery, having presented testimonials and letter of transfer from that Presbytery, was received under the care of this Presbytery.

It was, on motion, made the first order of the day for to-morrow to examine candidate C. D. Price and licentiate R. P. Pell with reference to licensure of the former and ordination of the latter, if the way be clear.

Letters assigning satisfactory excuses for absence from the present meeting were received from L. C. Vass, D.D., and C. N. Morrow.

E. W. Smith was also excused from attendance at this meeting.

Mr. J. E. Mebane, candidate of this Presbytery, being present, asked permission of the Presbytery to enter upon his theological studies this Fall and to be allowed choice of the Seminary he shall attend as student. The request was granted, save that Presbytery expressed the wish that he attend the Union Theological Seminary in Virginia.

A communication from the Trustees of the Presbytery conveying official intelligence of a legacy of $1000 to the Presbytery to be applied to Evangelistic work within its bounds, by the late Jesse H. Lindsay, Esq., was read and referred to a special committee, consisting of J. A. Long, Esq., and Rev. Dr. Smith, to report to Presbytery the mode of procedure necessary in the premises.

It was ordered that to-morrow at 11 o'clock the Presbytery hear the trial sermon of candidate C. D. Price.

On motion the rule requiring the Presbyterial Sabbath School Convention to be held on the *second* day of the Fall meeting was suspended, and it was ordered that the Convention be held on Friday.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning after the sermon, to hear the report on Home Missions, and the reports of the Evangelists.

Mr. James W. Milner, from Oak Forest, was enrolled, after being excused for tardiness.

The report of the Trustees of Davidson College was read and referred to a special committee consisting of J. S. Watkins, D.D., D. I. Craig and J. A. Long, to report a minute for adoption by the Presbytery.

A communication from E. F. Lamb, Esq., of Elizabeth City, naming certain persons for appointment by this Presbytery as Trustees of Presbyterian church in Elizabeth City, was read: and the following persons were appointed as Trustees of the Presbytery to hold and apply to the building of a Presbyterian church in Elizabeth City, the legacy bequeathed for that purpose by Mrs. Celia Cann, to-wit: S. L. Sheep, C. L. Riddle, W. G. Underwood, P. W. Melick and E. F. Lamb.

A communication from Rev. E. M. Richardson, D.D., Gen. Assembly's Secretary of Education, was read and referred to J. H. Smith, D.D., to report the appropriate action to be taken.

Presbytery adjourned to 9:30 to-morrow morning, being closed with prayer.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING, September 1.

Presbytery met at 9:30 o'clock, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read, corrected and approved.

A call for the pastoral services of Rev. J. L. Currie, from the New Hope church, was read and referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies. The same reference was made also of requests from the Wentworth church and the Mt. Airy church for services of Stated Supply.

A communication was read from the editor of *The North Carolina Presbyterian*, the consideration of which was made the first order of the day for to-morrow.

The Committee to consider and report appropriate action in reference to the legacy of Jesse H. Lindsay, deceased, submitted the following which was adopted:

Your Committee to whom was referred the report of the Board of Trustees with reference to the legacy of Jesse H. Lindsay, deceased, in aid of the Evangelistic work within our bounds, recommend the following:

Resolved, That this Presbytery gratefully accept the legacy of Jesse H. Lindsay, deceased, with the trusts and conditions as set out in the said will, and the Board of Trustees is hereby directed to pay the same to the Treasurer of the Presbytery, and the Treasurer is directed to devote the said legacy only to the Evangelistic work within the bounds of this Presbytery, and only as he may be directed.

J. A. LONG, *Chairman.*

Rev. S. H. Isler and Elders A. M. McPheeters, of Raleigh 1st church, and Samuel Watkins, of Henderson, appeared and were enrolled after satisfactory excuses rendered for tardiness.

Presbytery then engaged for a season in devotional exercises, after which Messrs. Pell and Price were examined in Theology, and Mr. Pell examined in Church History. These examinations were sustained as satisfactory parts of trial.

For text of a trial sermon, II Corinthians, 3c, 18v, was assigned to candidate Price.

Presbytery then heard the trial sermon of Mr. Price, after which, Presbytery took up the order of the day, and heard the report of Alex. Sprunt, Presbyterial Agent of Home Missions. This report was received and the resolutions appended to the report were docketed for consideration later.

Presbytery then heard the reports of Evangelists F. H. Johnston, D. D., W. F. Thom, P. H. Dalton, Licentiate R. P. Pell and Mr. C. D. Price. These reports were all received, when the order was suspended and Presbytery went into private session for criticism of the candidate's sermon which was sustained as satisfactory part of trial.

The order of the day having been resumed, on motion, Dr. Johnston was requested to furnish a copy of his report for publication in the North Carolina *Presbyterian.*

Elders E. J. Orr, of Bethesda church, T. J. Garrison, of Stony Creek church, appeared and were enrolled after rendering satisfactory excuse for tardiness.

Recess was then taken until 2:30 o'clock.

AFTER RECESS.

The Presbytery resumed business.

J. N. H. Summerell rendered by letter satisfactory reason for absence from this meeting.

Rev. Wm. S. Lacy of the Fayetteville Presbytery, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member and introduced by the Moderator.

Presbytery took order to license Mr. Chas. D. Price to-night after sermon, if the way be clear; and to ordain Messrs. Pell and Price as Evangelists to-morrow night, if the way be clear.

On motion, Jeremiah 31c. 3v. was substituted for the text of Mr. Pell's trial sermon for ordination in place of the one assigned to him at the last meeting.

Reports of the various Missionary Supplies ordered at the last meeting were heard and received.

A petition was received from members of the congregation of the Greensboro Mission Chapel, praying that Presbytery send a Committee to visit them and see if the way be clear to the organization of a second church. Commissioners present in behalf of these petitioners were then heard, when, on motion, the request was granted, and the following committee was appointed to visit Greensboro and to organize a second church, if the way be clear, the time to be determined by the chairman, viz: E. Harding, D.D., T. J. Allison and D. I. Craig, *Ministers*; with Elders T. B. Donnell, of Buffalo church and R. P. Dick, of Greensboro.

The committee to examine Mr. Price on Geography and History reported, recommending that this examination be sustained as satisfactory part of trial. Adopted.

Arrangements for the ordination of Messrs. Pell and Price were made as follows:

The Moderator to propound the Constitutioual questions, Dr. Smith to preach the sermon, and H. T. Darnall to deliver the charge to the Evangelists.

The consideration of Home Missions was resumed, when the following resolutions taken from the docket, were adopted, viz:

Resolved, 1. That hereafter, as a Presbytery, will conduct our Home Mission work, including the departments of Sustentation and Evangelistic labor, independently of the General Assembly's Executive Committee. To accomplish this, the funds contributed to Home Missions and those

contributed in September to the Evangelistic Fund will be retained by us for work in our own bounds; but we do hereby resolve to send one collection from our churches during the year to the Secretary of the Executive Committee of Home Missions for the prosecution of Home Mission work in those parts of our church where there is the greatest need. For convenience the 1st Sabbath in January or as soon thereafter as possible, is appointed as the day for taking up this collection in our Presbytery. This collection shall be known as the General Assembly's collection for Home Missions. The other two collections for Home Missions in the bounds of the Presbytery shall be known as the Presbyterial collections for Home Missions, and shall be taken up on the 1st Sabbath in February and 1st Sabbath in September, or as soon thereafter as possible.

2. That $100 be donated to the aid of the Siler church building from the Evangelistic Fund.

3. That $75 from the Evangelistic Fund be contributed to the aid of Rev. P. H. Dalton's field.

4. That we endeavor to raise $300 for the work of Colored Evangelization, on the occasion of our next annual collection, the first Sabbath in December.

The following was also adopted.

The Presbytery of Orange recommends to the Sessions and Board of Deacons of all its churches, that envelopes be used in all collections for Home Missions, and that at least ten days before the day for taking up such collection, envelopes be mailed or distributed otherwise, among the members and congregation of each church, together with a written or printed letter setting forth the needs of this cause, and that the Presbytery earnestly request a faithful trial of the envelope system in addition to the present way, as the method for taking up collections for this cause.

Committees to examine Mr. Price on Latin, Latin Thesis, Physical Science and Mathematics reported, recommending the examinations be sustained as satisfactory parts of trial. Adopted.

Committee to examine licentiate R. P. Pell in Hebrew reported, recommending the examination be sustained. Adopted.

Recess until 8 P. M.

AFTER RECESS,

Presbytery heard the trial sermon of licentiate R. P. Pell.

The committee on Calls and Supplies reported:

1. That the call of New Hope church for pastoral services of Rev. J. L. Currie for one-fourth of his time on a salary of $200 per annum, was in order, and recommending that it be placed in his hands. Adopted.

2. That request of the Wentworth church for services of Rev. S. O. Hall, as Stated Supply, until the Spring meeting, be granted. Adopted.

3. That the request of the Mount Airy church for the services of Rev. E. W. Smith, as Stated Supply, be not granted. Adopted.

Presbytery then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING, Sept. 2.

The Presbytery met at 9:30 o'clock, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Commission appointed to visit New Hope church made the following report, which was approved, and the Commission discharged.

REPORT OF COMMISSION.

NEW HOPE CHURCH, July 5, 1887.

The Commission appointed by the Presbytery at the meeting in Hillsboro, June 16th and 17th, to visit New Hope church, and investigate alleged trouble and dissension in said congregation, and redress the evil, met this day according to previous agreement.

All the members of the Commission were present, viz: Rev. Messrs. Johnston, Sprunt and Chester, with Ruling Elders L. D. Heartt and R. G. Lea.

Dr. Johnston, as chairman, called the commission to order, and offered prayer for divine guidance.

Mr. L. D. Heartt was appointed Secretary.

On motion it was resolved that the Elders and Deacons of New Hope church, who were on the ground, be invited severally to make such statements as they might deem proper regarding the existing differences in the congregation

Accordingly six Elders and one Deacon, all that were present at the church, were heard before the Commission.

As the result of their statements, and of the conference with the Commission, a paper was presented to the Commission by the Elders and Deacon present, expressive of regret for past differences, of restored harmony, and of renewed pledges of unity and co-operation in Christ's cause and the upbuilding of the church.

This paper being read and heartily approved by the Commission, was signed in their presence by all the officers of the church present, after which the paper was read to the whole cougregation, accompanied with a brief statement and exhortation by the chairman.

The original paper, with signatures attached, is hereby submitted to the Presbytery. The Commission then adjourned—being closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted

F. H. JOHNSTON, *Chairman.*

LEO D. HEART, *Secretary.*

A communication from a private member of the Mount Vernon church, presented by the Stated Clerk, was, after explanation of its contents, referred to a special committee, to-wit: Rev. Arch. Currie and Judge R. P. Dick to consider and report what action Presbytery should take in the matter.

The report of the Presbyterial Agent of Foreign Missions was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning after sermon.

The committee to visit Horeb church, made a report, which was received, and the committee continued.

Presbytery then considered the letter from the editor of the *North Carolina Presbyterian*, and after discussion adopted the following minute, viz:

Presbytery appreciating the *North Carolina Presbyterian* as a paper of indispensable value to the Church in the Presbytery and the Synod, and grateful for all the aid it has rendered in past years, does hereby not only commend it anew to the support of our people, but earnestly urges our Ministers and Elders to press its claims, especially at this time, upon the patronage of all our congregations and families, and directs our Ministers to read this from the pulpit, explaining and commending the same.

The Standing Committee of Examinations reported that they had examined Messrs. Pell and Price on Greek, and Mr. Pell on Hebrew, and recommended that the examinations be sustained as satisfactory. Adopted.

Rev. Dr. Smith made a report on the matters contained in the communication of the Assembly's Secretary for Education. The report was received, adopted and ordered to be read to all the congregations on the day collections for this cause are taken. It is as follows:

Your Agent for Education, the committee to whom was referred the letter of Dr. E. M. Richardson, Secretary of the General Assembly's Committee on Education, would recommend the following action in response to the same:

The Presbytery of Orange expresses its gratification and thanks to God for the steady increase in the number of candidates for the past several years, and regrets that there should have been any decrease however small during the year just past. This cause, your Agent believes does not receive the prayerful consideration which its vast importance demands, judging from the small contributions made, the whole amount being but $381 for the year ending last April. Twenty-six of our churches contributed only one, two or three dollars to this cause in the past year, and eight or ten of these churches report between one and two thousand members. It is surely unnecessary to remind this Presbytery that in an important sense, every plan for church extension depends under God upon an increase of able and active ministers. The serious attention of all our ministers and sessions and churches is again called to this matter. The Presbytery urges its members to use every proper effort to see if the contributions during the coming year may not be doubled. The question of estimating the amount asked for — $750 — to be proportioned among the churches is left to the action of the Committee on Assessments. The whole subject is earnestly commended to the thoughtful and prayerful consideration of every member of the Church within our bounds.

Mr. C. D. Price was examined in Church History and Mr. R. P. Pell and Mr. Price were examined on Church Government and the Sacraments, which examinations were sustained as satisfactory parts of trial. The popular Lecture of Mr. Price was referred to a committee consisting of S. H. Chester and S. M. Smith.

Presbytery then took recess to meet at the call of the Moderator, in order to be present at the meeting of the Presbyterial Sabbath School Convention.

At the conclusion of the Convention's exercises the Presbytery met on the call of the Moderator.

Jas. L. Currie signified his acceptance of the call from New Hope church, placed in his hands.

The Agent of Publication and Colportage made a report, which was received and following recommendations adopted:

1. That our ministers see to it that this, as well as all other causes of the General Assembly, be regularly presented to their congregations.
2. That Forty dollars, the amount which was ordered to be retained by the Treasurer out of the general collections for this cause, subject to the order of the Agent of Publication and Colportage, be subject to the order of the General Evangelist and employed by him in the purchase of such tracts, books, etc., as he may find needful for the prosecution of his work.

That part of the Agents' report which presented a communication from Rev. Dr. Hazen, Assembly' sSecretary of Publication, was docketed for later consideration.

The Committee on Installations reported the following arrangements for the installation of Rev. J. L. Currie.

1. At New Hope, on the 3rd Sabbath in November.

Rev. W. F. Wilhelm to preach the sermon, propose the Constitutional questions, and charge the pastor. Rev. H. T. Darnall to charge the people.

2. At Fairfield, on the 1st Sabbath in November.

Rev. S. H. Chester to preach the sermon, preside, and deliver charge to pastor. Rev. T. J. Allison to charge the people.

The committee to whom was referred the Popular Lecture of Mr. C. D. Price, reported recommending that it be sustained as satisfactory part of trial.

On motion, Presbytery reconsidered such part of the order passed on yesterday as pertained to the ordination of Mr. C. D. Price to-night.

Presbytery then resolved to license Mr. Price to-night in connexion with divine service, and to defer his ordination for the present.

Recess was taken until 8 P. M.

AFTER RECESS,

Presbytery resumed business.

Licentiate Pell's trial sermon for ordination was approved as satisfactory part of trial, and then, on motion, his examinations as a whole were sustained.

Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day, when Mr. Charles D. Price was duly licensed to preach the Gospel as a probationer for the holy ministry, and after a sermon by J. H. Smith, D.D., Mr. Robert P. Pell was ordained to the full work of a Gospel minister as an Evangelist, by prayer and the laying on of hands of the Presbytery after the apostolic example.

A suitable charge was delivered to the newly ordained Evangelist by H. T. Darnall.

The name of R. P. Pell was ordered to be entered on the Presbytery's roll of ministers.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING, September 3.

The Presbytery met at 9:30 o'clock, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The following report on the report of the Trustees of Davidson College was adopted:

The Committee appointed by Orange Presbytery to respond to the letter written by Dr. Rumple, Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Davidson College, submit the following:

The Presbytery is fully aware of the importance of Davidson College to the interests of Presbyterianism, and hereby expresses its great gratification at its increased prosperity, and heartily and unreservedly commends it to the patronage of all our Presbyterian families that have sons to educate. But inasmuch as Dr. Mack has recently visited our churches and solicited subscriptions for the College, and inasmuch as the churches have so many calls made upon them for the benevolent objects of the Church, the Presbytery does not deem it expedient for collections to be taken on the regular days of public worship.

The Presbytery, however, earnestly recommends to all its Ministers to use every opportunity for furthering the interests of the College, and endeavor to secure aid from those who have means in every way that lies in their power.

The following action was taken in reference to the complaint made by a private member of the Mount Vernon church:

The committee appointed to consider the papers of Mrs. M. C, Lane, of Mt. Vernon church, have investigated the matter, and beg leave to report that they are of the opinion that Mrs. Lane has no just cause of apprehension of danger to healthfulness, or value of property. For the restoration of peace and harmony we recommend that the Stated Clerk of Presbytery be directed to write to Mrs. Lane and other parties involved in this controversy, expressing the earnest wish of Presbytery that they settle the matter in the spirit of Christian fellowship and love.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly made their report which was received, and the following recommendations were adopted:

1. That the report of the Assembly's Permanent Committee on the Sabbath be read from the pulpits of this Presbytery.

2. That the report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools be read in the Sabbath Schools of our various charges.

3. That our Presbyterial Committee on Assessments be authorized to

apportion among our congregations the part of the $25,000 for Education allotted to this Presbytery.

4. That a Committee be appointed to prepare action for the Presbytery on the amendments to the Book of Church Order suggested by the *ad interim* Committee on the position, privileges, &c., of the Ruling Elder.

SAMUEL M. SMITH, *Chairman*

Rev. Messrs. S. M. Smith, D. I. Craig, and Elder J. A. Long were appointed the committee called for above in item 4.

Rev. W. S. Long, of the Christian Church, was invited to sit as a visiting brother, and introduced to the Presbytery.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported, and their report received and approved, and, on motion, it was made a Standing Rule of this Presbytery to appoint a Standing Committee on Leave of Absence hereafter at every Stated Meeting of the Presbytery.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to report some plan whereby time may be saved in the Review of Sessional Records, made the following report which was adopted:

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of Presbytery to report to this meeting "what plan, if any, can be devised whereby Presbytery may be saved the waste of time involved in considering in detail the criticisms of Session books," beg leave respectfully to report that the matter has been considered, and that it is believed the end desired will be nearly if not altogether obtained by the adoption of the following order of proceedings:

1. That the several Committees on Review of Session Books, after examination of the books, meet in Committee of the Whole to compare, classify and adjust to a common standard their various criticisms and exceptions.

2. This Committee of the Whole should prepare the report to be submitted to Presbytery, and only such exceptions to the books as have been sustained by a majority of this committee should be reported to the Presbytery.

3. It would facilitate the whole business and tend greatly to economy of both time and labor to have a guide as to the matters which are properly subject to review under the Constitution and the Rules of this Presbytery, prepared and printed for the use of the Committees of Review.

Respectfully submitted,

F. H. JOHNSTON.
L. C. VASS.

Rev. Drs. Johnston and Vass were appointed a committee for carrying into effect the action suggested in the last paragraph of the above report.

On motion, the following overture was ordered to be forwarded to the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Orange respectfully overture the Synod of North Carolina on the following point, viz:

Is it admissable under any circumstances, other than in the case of Foreign Missionaries, to license and ordain a candidate for the ministry at the same meeting of the Presbytery?

Rev. Messrs. Sprunt and Summerell (by letter) reported their attendance as Commissioners to the last General Assembly. Their reports were received and their diligence commended.

On motion, Greensboro was chosen as the place for the next Stated Meeting of the Presbytery, and the time to be chosen was deferred to an adjourned meeting to be held in Fayetteville.

Recess was taken until after public worship.

AFTER RECESS,

Rev. J. L. Currie, Presbyterial Agent for Foreign Missions, made his report, which was received. After addresses, made by members of the Presbytery, the following recommendations were adopted:

Resolved, 1. That this Presbytery commend anew the cause of Foreign Missions to the churches under its care; and earnestly exhorts all Pastors and Sessions to make faithful effort in raising the amounts asked of their churches for this cause.

Resolved, 2. That the enlargement of *The Missionary* is heartily approved by this Presbytery, and that earnest efforts should be made to increase the circulation of *The Missionary* in its enlarged form.

On motion, the Agent of Foreign Missions was instructed to obtain the amounts contributed to the cause of Foreign Missions by our churches from the Minutes of the General Assembly, in making out his annual report to the Presbytery.

An adjourned meeting of the Presbytery was ordered to be held in Warrenton, on Saturday before the second Sabbath in October, for the purpose of ordaining Licentiate C. D. Price to the full work of the ministry as an Evangelist.

And it was resolved that Mr. Price be required to preach a trial sermon only, inasmuch as the examinations recently stood by him were with a view of his ordination.

Recess was taken until 2:30 P. M.

AFTER RECESS,

On motion, it was resolved that when Presbytery adjourns, it adjourn to meet in Mebaneville on Monday at 3 o'clock P. M., to examine and receive a candidate for the ministry, if the way be clear.

Rev. W. R. Coppedge was received after the usual examination, as a member of this Presbytery from the Presbytery of Montgomery, and his name enrolled.

The committee appointed to install Rev. S. O. Hall, at Leaksville, reported that duty performed.

The committee appointed to install Rev. Carr Moore, at Shiloh, reported that duty performed.

The committee to verify the Copied Records reported progress and was continued.

Rev. Dr. Johnston reported that he had declared the Winston church vacant.

The following Missionary Supplies were appointed:

Nahalah—S. M. Smith, Alex. Sprunt.
Wilson—Drs. Smith and Watkins.
Chatham Field—W. F. Wilhelm, C. Miller, S. H. Chester.
Speedwell—D. I. Craig, S. O. Hall, C. Miller.

Selma—E. W. Smith, S. H. Isler.
Mt. Airy—E. W. Smith, P. H. Dalton, T. J. Allison.
Littleton—S. M. Smith.
Neuse River—Dr. Vass.

The committee on Assessments was directed to publish its report as soon as the committee is able to arrange the table of apportionments.

Rev. J. H. Smith, D.D , was chosen Trustee of Davidson College *vice* Rev. T. J. Allison whose term had expired.

Rev. W. R. Coppedge was elected Evangelist of Caswell field until the Spring meeting.

An adjourned meeting of Presbytery was ordered to be held in Fayetteville at the call of the Moderator during the sessions of the Synod.

The communication from the Assembly's Secretary of Publication was taken from the docket, and the suggestion of the Secretary that the chairman of Publication of the several Presbyteries be authorized to co-operate with the Executive Committee in any way they may deem wise for the prosecution of the work was approved.

The following resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

Resolved, That the Presbytery expresses its gratification at the taste and liberality expressed in the erecting and tendering to the Presbytery as neat and commodious a house of worship as that in which we meet—that the thanks of the Presbytery be tendered to the congregation of Cross Roads for their kind and cordial hospitality, and to the various lines of travel which have granted courtesies to the Presbytery.

Ordered to be read from the pulpit of Cross Roads church by the pastor on Sabbath morning.

The Minutes were then read and approved, when on motion the Presbytery adjourned to meet in Mebaneville on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Closed with singing, prayer and the apostolic benediction.

MEBANEVILLE, N. C., Monday, Sept. 5. 3. P. M.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment at the residence of Maj. R. Bingham and was opened with prayer.

Present—Rev. Messrs. Johnston, Willis and Allison, with Elders S. Neal and T. M. Clark.

Mr. J. Alvis Montgomery, member of the Bethlehem church, was introduced aud examined with a view to coming under the care of the Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry.

His examinations on Experimental piety, and his motives for seeking the gospel ministry having been separately sustained as satisfactory, Mr. Montgomery was, on motion, received under the care of the Presbytery as a candidate for the gospel ministry. And he was recommended to the Presbyterial Committee of Education for oversight.

There being no further business the Presbytery adjourned to meet in Warrenton, N. C., on Saturday before the second Sabbath in October at 2 o'clock, P. M. Closed with prayer.

H. T. DARNALL,
J. A. McAULEY,
Temporary Clerks.

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

TABLE

Of Apportionments and Assessments, 1887--8.

CHURCHES.	1 For. Missions.	2 Sustentation.	3 Evangelistic.	4 Education.	5 Presbyterial.
	WHOLE AMOUNT ASKED FOR.				
	$2500	$1000	$1000	$750	$505
Alamance,	$ 50	$ 27	$ 27	$ 20	$ 12
Ashboro,	13	5	5	4	2
Bethel,	38	27	27	20	12
Bethesda,	10	4	4	4	4
Bethlehem,	18	15	15	8	5
Buffalo,	45	27	27	20	12
Burlington,	16	5	5	4	3
Calah,	2	1	1	1	1
Chapel Hill,	38	10	10	8	8
Croaton,	4	2	2	1	1
Cross Roads,	45	27	27	20	15
Durham,	45	27	27	20	15
Eno,	12	6	6	4	5
Fairfield,	6	4	4	3	2
Geneva,	18	9	9	6	7
Graham,	170	65	65	50	25
Grassy Creek,	2	1	1	1	1
Greensboro,	375	115	115	80	40
Grier's,	10	4	4	3	2
Gulf,	8	4	4	3	2
Hawfield,	45	27	27	20	15
Haywood,	5	3	3	1	3
Henderson,	75	30	30	20	15
Hillsboro,	35	10	10	8	6
Jamestown,	7	5	5	4	2
Kernersville,	2	1	1	1	1
La Grange,	3	1	1	1	2
Leaksville,	20	9	9	8	5
Lexington,	25	12	12	12	15
Little River,	20	15	15	10	10
Littleton,	7	3	3	2	2
Madison,	37	15	15	12	8
Mebaneville,	60	25	25	20	15
Milton,	50	22	22	18	12
Mount Airy,	3	1	1	1	2
Mount Vernon,	10	5	5	4	2
Nahalah,	6	4	4	2	2
New Bern,	150	55	55	45	25
New Hope,	15	7	7	6	8
Nutbush,	18	10	10	7	6
Oak Forest,	10	3	3	2	3
Oak Hill,	7	5	5	4	3
Oakland,	6	3	3	2	2
Oxford,	50	20	20	16	12
Pittsboro,	10	7	7	4	4
Raleigh 1st ch.,	325	110	110	80	40
Raleigh 2nd ch.,	15	3	3	2	3
Red House,	15	7	7	5	5
Reidsville,	38	17	17	16	15
Rocky Mount,	12	6	6	4	3
Shiloh,	9	4	4	2	4
Spring Wood,	15	10	10	6	5
Stony Creek,	18	8	8	6	4
Tarboro,	40	15	15	13	10
Washington,	130	50	50	40	20
Wentworth,	18	7	7	6	4
Winston,	225	65	65	45	25
Wilson,	6	2	2	2	2
Worthville,	5	2	2	2	2
Warrenton,	8	3	3	2	2
Yanceyville.	7	4	4	2	3
Totals.	$2500	$1004	$1004	$743	$505

☞ Columns 1 and 4 are the Assembly's collections, the rest are Presbyterial. A collection for the Assembly's Home Missions is ordered to be taken up in January as usual. The Presbytery's collections are to be taken up for Home Missions in February, (Sustentation) and in September (Evangelistic,) or as soon thereafter as possible.

The Presbyterial Assessments are due April 1, next year.

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MINUTES

OF THE

TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SIXTH SESSION

OF THE

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(AND OF THE ADJOURNED MEETINGS),

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GREENSBORO, N. C.,
TUESDAY, April 24, 1888, 7:30 P. M.

The Presbytery met, according to adjournment, in the First Presbyterian Church, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, Rev. Richard B. Willis, from Matthew, 19: 30, and 20: 16: "But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first. . . . . So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen."

The Presbytery was then constituted with prayer, after which the roll was called.

ROLL OF MEMBERS PRESENT.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
Robert Burwell, D. D. (3),	----------,	----------
Thos. U. Faucette (2),	J. W. Lewis (2),	Milton.
"	Wm. G. Smith (3),	Red House.
Jos. M. Atkinson, D. D.,	----------,	----------
P. H. Dalton,	Malcom Shaw (2),	High Point.
J. H. Smith, D. D.,	R. F. Robertson,	Greensboro, 1st.
E. H. Harding, D. D. (2),	----------,	----------
F. H. Johnston, D. D.	----------,	----------
H. T. Darnall,	Dr. J. P. Monroe (3),	Durham.
C. Miller,	W. H. Phipps,	Alamance.
"	D. P. Foust (3),	Spring Wood.
"	J. W. Rippey,	Burlington.
James L. Currie (2),	W. D. Woods (2),	Little River.
"	C. W. Johnston (2),	New Hope.
"	S. M. Wilkinson (2),	Fairfield.
D. I. Craig,	J. M. Andrews (2),	Reidsville.
----------	W. S. Primrose (2),	Raleigh, 1st.
W. F. Thom,	J. A. Womack,	Pittsboro.
"	J. M. McIver,	Gulf.
J. N. H. Summerell,	----------,	----------
A. L. Crawford (2),	T. C. Ford (2),	Lexington.
W. F. Wilhelm (2),	F. P. Venable (3),	Chapel Hill.
S. H. Chester,	S. J. Crawford,	Cross Roads.
Alexander Sprunt,		----------
R. B. Willis,		----------

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
E. W. Smith,	Dr. W. P. Beall (2),	Westminster.
S. O. Hall,	W. G. Anderson (2),	Madison.
" "	Hiram Foard,	Leaksville.
" "	Dr. Jesse Carter (3),	Wentworth.
R. P. Pell (3),	----------,	----------
W. R. Copedge,	Thomas Smith,	Griers.
	W. J. Ector,	Stony Creek.
Charles D. Price.	----------,	----------
R. W. Culbertson,	David Wharton,	Buffaloe.
	R. C. Rankin,	Bethel.
E. P. Davis (2),	J. M. Rogers (2),	Winston.
----------	D. F. Morrow (2),	Bethlehem.
----------	A. C. McAllister (2),	Ashboro.
----------	T. C. Worth (2),	Worthville.
—25,	—30.	

Thirty-four churches were not represented, and the following ministers were absent, but excused from attendance for satisfactory reasons rendered by letter, or otherwise, viz.: George W. Ferrill, Arch. Currie, Charles Phillips, D. D., C. N. Morrow, S. M. Smith, Carr Moore and S. H. Isler.

The following ministers were absent and not heard from, viz.: L. C. Vass, D. D., and J. S. Watkins, D. D.

The Rev. CORNELIUS MILLER was chosen Moderator.

The Rev. J. N. H. Summerell, and Ruling Elder Hiram Foard, were chosen temporary clerks.

Rev. Dr. Smith, Chairman of the Executive Committee on Education, asked leave to make a partial report, recommending that Mr. J. Alvis Montgomery, candidate of this Presbytery, be dismissed, at his own request, to place himself under the care of the Presbytery of Central Texas.

The request of the candidate was granted, and the Stated Clerk directed to send to him the proper letter of transfer.

The Rev. S. Taylor Martin, of the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member, and introduced by the Moderator.

The reading of the minutes of the last stated meeting was, on motion, dispensed with.

The Clerk then read the proceedings of adjourned meetings held since the last stated meeting at Warrenton, Fayetteville, Hillsboro, Buffaloe Church and Greensboro, as follows:

WARRENTON, N. C., October 8th, 1887.

Orange Presbytery met in the Presbyterian Church according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. R. B. Willis.

Present: R. Burwell, D. D., F. H. Johnston, D. D., Alex. Sprunt, R. B. Willis and J. N. H. Summerell, *Ministers*, with W. B. Crinkley, of Warrenton Church, *Ruling Elder*.

The Stated Clerk acted as temporary Clerk.

The following order was taken in reference to the ordination of Mr. Charles D. Price, viz.:

"That the candidate preach his trial sermon to-night at 7:30 o'clock; that Ephesians, 2:4–7, be the text assigned to him; that the ordination service be held to-morrow (Sabbath) afternoon, at 3 o'clock, Rev. Mr. Sprunt preach the sermon, the Moderator preside, &c. Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D., deliver the charge to the Evangelist."

Recess until 7:30 P. M.

After recess Mr. Price preached his trial sermon, from Eph., 2:4–7, which was sustained as satisfactory part of trial.

On motion, Mr. Price's examinations were sustained as a whole, and the way declared clear for his ordination.

Mr. William Cawthorne, candidate of this Presbytery, being present, was heard on his progress in study, and the work he was doing.

Adjourned till to-morrow at 3 P. M. Closed with prayer.

SUNDAY, October 10th, 3:30 P. M.

The Presbytery assembled according to adjournment, when after a sermon by Rev. Alexander Sprunt, the candidate, Charles D. Price, was solemnly set apart to the full work of the gospel ministry as an Evangelist, by prayer (offered by Rev. Dr. Burwell), and the laying on of hands of the Presbytery, after the apostolic example.

Mr. Price was then enrolled as a member of this Presbytery, and a suitable charge delivered to him by Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D.

The minutes were then approved, and Presbytery adjourned to meet in Fayetteville during the Synod, at call of the Moderator.

Closed with prayer.

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON,
Stated Clerk.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., October 26th, 1887.

The Presbytery met on call of the Moderator, after morning session of Synod.

A quorum being present, the meeting was opened with prayer.

Present: The Moderator, R. B. Willis, and Messrs. A. Currie, J. H. Smith, Johnston, Vass, Allison, Sprunt, Darnall, S. M. Smith, E. W. Smith, Wilhelm, with Elders W. F. Carter, J. A. Womack, C. E. Houston and S. C. Smith.

The committee to visit Greensboro with the view of organizing a Second Church there, if deemed expedient, reported through Rev. T. J. Allison (the chairman being absent) to the effect that a church had been organized in South Greensboro with eighty-five communicants and thirty-five non-communicant baptized members; four Ruling Elders and five Deacons—to be known as the "Westminster Church."

The report was received, and the church of Westminster ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. J. C. Wharton, Ruling Elder from the church, being present, took his seat, and was enrolled.

A call from the Westminster Church for the pastoral services of E. W. Smith for three-fourths of his time on a salary of $500 per annum, was presented, found in order, placed in Mr. Smith's hands, and was accepted by him.

Recess was taken until call of the Moderator.

After recess the Moderator called the Presbytery together on the adjournment of the Synod this evening.

The relation between E. W. Smith, associate pastor, and the church of Greensboro—the parties consenting—was dissolved.

Rev. J. H. Smith, D. D., and Rev. S. M. Smith, were appointed a committee to arrange for the installation of the pastor-elect.

Messrs. J. S. Watkins, L. C. Vass and J. N. H. Summerell were, at the request of the General Evangelist, directed to visit Elizabeth City and preach, between this and the spring meeting of the Presbytery.

Adjourned and closed with prayer, to meet on call of the Moderator.

OCTOBER 27.

Presbytery was called after the morning session of the Synod. Opened with prayer; quorum present.

Ordered, that E. W. Smith be transferred from the Randolph field as Evangelist for one-fourth of his time, to the Mount Airy field, beginning December 1st.

Ordered, that the Agent of Home Missions supply the Randolph field as best he can.

A call from Third Creek Church, Concord Presbytery, for the pastoral services of T. J. Allison, was presented by Rev. E. F. Rockwell, D. D., of that Presbytery, who was invited to sit as a corresponding member. This call being properly certified, was placed in the hands of Mr. Allison, who thereupon signified his acceptance of the same.

The Presbytery then directed that the churches composing the pastoral charge of Mr. Allison, viz.: Mebaneville and Bethlehem, be cited to appear by their Commissioners at an adjourned meeting of the Presbytery in Hillsboro, November 8th, at 2 o'clock P. M., and show cause why the relation between them and Mr. Allison should not be dissolved.

Adjourned with prayer, to meet on call of Moderator.

OCTOBER 28.

Presbytery met on call of Moderator, and was opened with prayer.

On motion of Dr. Smith, Tuesday before the last Sabbath in April, 1888, at 7:30 P. M., was fixed as the time of the next stated meeting.

Mr. Richard W. Culbertson was received on the usual testimonials as a Licentiate, under the care of this Presbytery from the Presbytery of Concord.

Calls from the churches of Buffaloe and Bethel, for the pastoral services of Mr. R. W. Culbertson, for one-half his time each, and a salary *per annum* of $775, in the aggregate, were presented and found in order, and placed in his hands.

Mr. Culbertson having signified his acceptance of these calls, Messrs. J. H. Smith and S. M. Smith were appointed a committee to arrange time and order for his ordination.

After a brief recess, this committee reported that an adjourned meeting of Presbytery be held at Buffaloe Church on Saturday at 11 o'clock A. M., before the third Sabbath in November, to examine Mr. Culbertson, and ordain and install him if the way be clear.

Rev. Dr. Smith was directed to select and assign the candidate a text for his trial sermon.

There being no further business, the Presbytery adjourned, to meet in Hillsboro on Tuesday, November 8th, at 2 P. M. Closed with prayer.

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON,
Stated Clerk.

HILLSBORO, N. C., November 8th, 1887.

The Presbytery of Orange met according to appointment, and was constituted with prayer.

There were present: Revs. Wilhelm, Darnall, Allison and James L. Currie, with Ruling Elder Robert Bingham, of the Mebaneville Church.

Rev. W. F. Wilhelm, as last Moderator present, was called to the chair, and Rev. H. T. Darnall requested to act as Clerk.

The object of the meeting being to hear from the churches of Mebaneville and Bethlehem as to the request of Rev. T. J. Allison to resign his pastoral charge, and it appearing that the churches had been duly cited to appear, Major Robert Bingham, of Mebaneville Church, stated that the church had united with Bro. Allison in his request.

Dr. Stafford, a commissioner from the Bethlehem Church, stated that upon presentation of the matter before the congregation, they had also reluctantly consented to unite in the request of Bro. Allison.

Whereupon the Presbytery then dissolved the pastoral relation existing between Rev. T. J. Allison and these churches, the dissolution to take effect on the *first* of December next, and Mr. Allison was directed to declare the pulpit of each church vacant.

Upon his request the Presbytery further directed the Stated Clerk to issue letters of dismission to Rev. T. J. Allison to connect himself with the Presbytery of Concord.

A communication was received from the Agent of Home Missions with reference to missionary supplies, which being read, the Presbytery took the following action, to-wit: That Rev. J. Henry Smith, D. D., E. H. Harding, D. D., A. L. Crawford and R. W. Culbertson be appointed to visit the Randolph field at such time as may be agreed upon by the brethren appointed and the Agent of Home Missions.

The minutes were then read and approved, and no further business appearing, Presbytery adjourned to meet at Buffaloe Church November 19th, at 2 P. M.

Closed with prayer and the apostolic benediction.

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON,
Stated Clerk.

BUFFALOE CHURCH, GUILFORD CO., N. C., November 19th, 1887.

The Presbytery of Orange convened according to appointment, and was constituted with prayer by Rev. J. Henry Smith, D. D., acting Moderator.

Present: Rev. Henry Smith, D. D. Rev. D. I. Craig, Rev. C. Miller; Ruling Elders, T. B. Donnell, Buffaloe Church, and Dr. J. A. McLean, Bethel Church.

On motion, Rev. D. I. Craig was elected Clerk.

A letter was read by the chairman of Education (Dr. Smith), from candidate J. J. Harrell, asking for certain information concerning his entering the Seminary, whereupon the following motion was adopted:

"That the chairman of Education is hereby instructed to write to the authorities of the Seminary, stating that it is the wish of the Presbytery that Mr. Harrell enter the Seminary, and do the best he can under the circumstances."

Licentiate R. W. Culbertson being present, steps were immediately taken for his ordination, and a congregation being assembled, Mr. Culbertson was directed to preach a sermon from the text: "And I lay down my life for the sheep," John 10: 15, as a part of trial.

After the sermon, recess was taken for half an hour.

Presbytery was then called to order by the Moderator, and the sermon was sustained as satisfactory part of trial.

Mr. Culbertson was then examined on all the subjects in order, as laid down in the Form of Government, and upon each subject his examination was sustained as satisfactory.

On motion, the examination was sustained as a whole.

To the Presbytery of Lexington :

Your Committee appointed to consider the deficiency in the endowment of the fifth Professorship at Union Theological Seminary, and to report the amount that this Presbytery should raise, in answer to the direction of Synod (see page 30, 1889), would respectfully report—

1. That after enquiry from the Treasurer of the Seminary, it is found that $20,000 (of the $50,000 asked) is still lacking.

2. After enquiry from the Stated Clerks of all the Presbyteries of Virginia and North Carolina, it is found that only one Presbytery—Winchester—is moving to raise any part of the deficiency.

3. That the agent who has canvassed the Synods of Virginia, North Carolina and Kentucky for this endowment has resigned, and no other agency is now employed by the Board.

We would therefore recommend—

I. That Lexington Presbytery raise $1,000 for the endowment of said fifth Professorship.

II. That this amount be apportioned among the churches of the Presbytery at the rate of 15 cents per member, which will raise a little more than the required amount.

III. That the Session of each church be appointed a committee to raise the amount due from their church, and directed to forward the same before the next meeting of Synod 1891 to Col. J. P. Fitzgerald, and to report the amount sent to Presbytery.

IV. That your Committee be authorized to print this report and forward a copy to each Church in Presbytery, to confer with the Presbyteries of the Synods of Tennessee and Kentucky, and to take any other proper steps to seeure the payments of the amounts pledged by Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,

L. B. JOHNSTON,
H. H. HAWES,
J. W. BARCLAY,
O. B. WILSON,
T. L. PRESTON,
Committee.

Adopted in Presbytery 22d Oct. 1890.

To the Session of ..... *Church :*

The amount due from your Church under this action of Presbytery is $.....

L. B. JOHNSTON.

The Presbytery then solemnly set apart Mr. Richard W. Culbertson to the full work of the gospel ministry by prayer, and the laying on of hands of the Presbytery, after the apostolic example.

It was then ordered that the name of Richard W. Culbertson be enrolled as a member of Orange Presbytery.

On motion, Rev. Dr. Smith was appointed to install Mr. Culbertson as pastor of Buffaloe Church to-morrow (Sunday) at 11 o'clock A. M., if the way be open.

Also it was ordered that Rev. Dr. Smith, as principal, and Rev. C. Miller, as alternate, install Mr. Culbertson pastor of Bethel Church on Saturday before the second (2d) Sabbath in December, or at such other time as may suit all the parties concerned.

The minutes were then read and approved, and the Presbytery adjourned to meet in Greensboro on Tuesday before the fourth Sabbath in April, 1888, at 7:30 P. M.

Closed with prayer and the apostolic benediction.

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON,
Stated Clerk.

GREENSBORO, N. C., December 7th, 1887.

The Presbytery of Orange met in the Lecture Room of the First Church at 11 A. M. this day, in pursuance of the following call of the Moderator:

"DEAR BROTHER:—You are hereby notified that at the request of the requisite number of ministers and Ruling Elders, (Form of Government, Chap. V, Sec. 4, par. 79,) Orange Presbytery is called to meet in the Presbyterian Church of Greensboro on December 7th, at 11 o'clock A. M.

This meeting is called to receive the Rev. E. P. Davis, of Mecklenburg Presbytery, as a member of Orange Presbytery, and also to consider and act upon a call from the Winston Church for his pastoral services, and to take the necessary steps for his installation.

RICHARD B. WILLIS,
Oxford, N. C., November 23, 1887. *Moderator.*"

The Ministers present were: P. H. Dalton, J. H. Smith, D. D., E. W. Smith. Ruling Elders: Judge J. A. Gilmer, of Greensboro First Church, and J. M. Rogers, of Winston Church.

Rev. P. H. Dalton was chosen Moderator *pro tem.*, and Rev. E. W. Smith temporary clerk.

The meeting was opened with prayer.

Mr. Rogers presented a call from the Winston Church for the pastoral services of Rev. E. P. Davis, of the Mecklenburg Presbytery.

This call was found to be in order, and permission was given the commissioners of Winston Church to prosecute the call before Mecklenburg Presbytery.

On motion, permission was given Mr. Davis to labor in the bounds of Orange Presbytery until the next regular meeting of Presbytery.

Rev. R. W. Culbertson arriving, was excused for tardiness, also T. B. Donnell, Ruling Elder of Buffaloe Church.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned, closing with prayer.

(Signed) E. W. SMITH, *Temporary Clerk.*

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON, Stated Clerk.

On motion, the daily hours of meeting were fixed as follows:

Morning session to begin at 9:30 o'clock, and continue until 12:30 P. M.

Afternoon session to begin at 2 P. M. and continue at will.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock, and was closed with prayer by the Moderator.

SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY, April 25th, 9:30 A. M.

The Presbytery met and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The minutes of last evening's session were read and approved.

Several members not present last night were now enrolled after rendering satisfactory excuses for tardiness. (See Roll of Members, all names that are followed by the figure 2.)

Rev. E. P. Davis, of the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, being present, was invited to the privileges of the floor, and introduced by the Moderator.

Mr. Davis having presented a letter of dismissal from his Presbytery to unite with this body, he was, after the usual examination, received as a member of this Presbytery, and his name was enrolled.

Excuses for absence from the last meeting, rendered by Messrs. Atkinson and Crawford, were sustained.

On Motion, the Stated Clerk was requested to write letters of sympathy in the name of the Presbytery to Rev. Dr. C. Phillips, and to Rev. C. N. Morrow, in their affliction.

Trial pieces were assigned to candidate J. J. Harrell, Student of Union Theological Seminary, as follows:

LATIN THESIS: "*An Lex Natura Sit Sufficiens ad Salutem?*"
CRITICAL EXERCISE: I Cor., 7: 29–31.
POPULAR LECTURE: Matt., 5; 13–16.
POPULAR SERMON: John, 14: 6.

The following standing committees were then announced, viz.:

1. *To Prepare Narration for General Assembly and Synod*—Rev. Messrs. Willis and Hall, Mr. R. C. Rankin.
2. *To Prepare Report on Systematic Benevolence*—Rev. Messrs. Johnston and Hall, Mr. Malcom Shaw.
3. *To Examine Reports of Sessions on Sessional Duties*—Rev. Messrs. Craig and Thom, Mr. J. M. McIver.
4. *To Review the Records of Sessions*—Section I.—Rev. H. T. Darnall, D. F. Morrow; Section II.—Rev. T. U. Faucett, R. F. Robertson; Section III.—Rev. A. L. Crawford, W. G. Anderson; Section IV.—Rev. W. F. Wilhelm, W. J. Ector.
5. *On Treasurer's Books and Accounts*—Messrs. J. M. Andrews, S. J. Crawford, J. M. McIver.
6. *On Minutes of Synod*—Rev. Messrs. Currie and Culbertson.
7. *On Devotional Exercises*—Rev. Messrs. J. H. Smith and Culbertson, Mr. W. H. Phipps.
8. *On Installations*—Rev. Messrs. Chester and Craig, and Mr. J. A. Womack.
9. *On Calls and Supplies*—Rev. Messrs. Sprunt, Darnall and E. W. Smith, Messrs. Primrose and Lewis.
10. *On Leave of Absence*—Rev. W. R. Coppedge, Mr. J. M. Rogers.

A communication from the Rev. Dr. Rumple, concerning Davidson College, was read and referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Harding and Dalton, and Mr. T. C. Worth, to report on the same to this meeting.

A communication from the Permanent Clerk of the General Assembly, touching an error in the minutes was read and referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Davis and Price, and Mr. J. M. Rogers, to report upon it to this meeting.

This committee was afterwards enlarged by the addition of four members, viz.: The Rev. Messrs. Darnall, J. H. Smith, Sprunt, and Mr. Primrose.

Requests for stated supply from the churches of Ashboro, Oakland, Milton, Wentworth, and for amendment of call to pastor from Grassy Creek Church, were read and referred, under Standing Rule, to the Committee on Calls and Supplies.

The Committee on Installations was directed to arrange for the installation of the Rev. E. P. Davis, pastor-elect of the Winston Church.

The time fixed by Standing Rule for devotional exercises having arrived, on motion, the rule was suspended and the order postponed until 11 o'clock.

Mr. Rosser Brown, member of the Westminster Church, was introduced to the Presbytery with a view to his coming under its care as a candidate for the gospel ministry.

Mr. Brown was examined on experimental religion, also as to his motives for seeking the ministry, and his examination being sustained as satisfactory, he was received as a candidate under the care of the Presbytery.

It was made the order of the day after the devotional exercises appointed for 11 o'clock, to hear reports of sessions on the State of Religion.

Rev. Dr. Smith, on behalf of the Committee on Education, presented and read the report on the oversight of candidates, which report was adopted.

The same committee also presented the following memorial on the death of Mr. J. Porter Paisley, a candidate under the care of this Presbytery, which was read, adopted, ordered spread upon the minutes, and a copy sent to the family of the deceased :

It becomes the mournful duty of your committee to announce to the Presbytery the death of one of our candidates, Mr. JAMES PORTER PAISLEY, on the 8th of February, 1888, *aged thirty years and fourteen days*, and we recommend the adoption of the following minute :

In 1876 Mr. PAISLEY, a member of Alamance Church, was taken under care of Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry. In the same year he entered Davidson College, and graduated in 1880 the first in his class. During his college career his Christian character and fidelity to duty were most exemplary and praiseworthy. After graduation, he taught one year with Mr. Horner, at Oxford, N. C., and for three years—from 1881 to 1884, he was tutor in his *Alma Mater*—which position he filled with such success that he began to feel that this was to be his future sphere of life in usefulness. Under this impression, he relinquished the idea of preaching, refunded to the Presbytery all the moneys he had received with interest thereon amounting to $535.60, and his name was removed without censure, but with sincere regret from the list of candidates. While a tutor he was married (December 25th, 1883,) to the daughter of Mr. V. Stirewalt, of Davidson College, and in the following year, he took charge of a school in Bennettsville, S. C., where he remained for two years. While here the conviction returned upon him that he must preach the gospel. He had never been easy in mind or satisfied since giving up the purpose to preach. He offered himself therefore, again to the Presbytery; his name was again enrolled as a candidate; he closed his engagement and career as a teacher, and in the fall of 1886, he entered Union Theological Seminary. At the close of his first year his health was so seriously impaired that he was unable to return. He had been smitten with pulmonary disease, and the next ten months was a weary and weakening struggle for life. As a last resort, in January of this year, he went to Florida, and there died, in the village of Starke, February 8th, 1888. As a teacher, he was apt, gifted and successful; as a student, he was conscientious, diligent and acquisitive of knowledge; as a Christian, he early gave his heart to Jesus; and fidelity and consecrated life were outstanding characteristics always and everywhere. In death he testified his faith in his Saviour, was fully conscious of his acceptance with God, and peacefully fell asleep on his Saviour's bosom. He leaves behind him a memory precious and fragrant.

The Presbytery would record their high esteem and love for him, their sense of the deep loss we have sustained in his death, their tender sympathy for his bereaved wife and kindred, and their prayers to God to bless his death to the spiritual good of all our candidates, to the Presbytery and to the church at large.

J. HENRY SMITH. *Chairman,*
SAMUEL C. SMITH,
J. W. SCOTT,
Committee.

The consideration of the Home Mission work of the Presbytery was made the order of the day for Thursday night at 8 o'clock.

The Presbytery then spent three-quarters of an hour in devotional exercises, after which the narratives of the churches on the State of Religion were read until the time for recess arrived.

After recess the unfinished business—reading the narratives—was resumed and concluded, and the reports placed in the hands of the Committee to prepare the Narrative for the Assembly and Synod.

The Treasurer of Presbytery, Mr. W. S. Primrose, then made his report, which was received, and together with his account, placed in the hands of the Auditing Committee.

The following ministers reported having discharged duty as missionary supplies, viz. : Rev. Alexander Sprunt, at Nahalah ; Rev. Dr. Smith, at Wilson ; Rev. D. I. Craig and Rev. C. Miller, at Speedwell ; Rev. W. F. Wilhelm and Rev. C. Miller, in the Chatham field.

Others who had been appointed did not perform duty, for reasons which were accepted as sufficient.

The special committee to verify the copied records reported progress and was continued.

The committee appointed to install the Rev. J. L. Currie, pastor of New Hope Church, reported that duty performed. Also the committee to install him pastor of Fairfield Church.

The committees to install Rev. R. W. Culbertson pastor of Buffaloe and Bethel churches, and Rev. E. W. Smith pastor of the Westminster Church, reported their several duties discharged.

Rev. Alexander Sprunt was, on motion, unanimously re-elected Agent of Presbytery Home Missions for another year.

The following were nominated for commissioners to the next General Assembly :

Ministers—J. H. Smith, D. D., D. I. Craig, S. H. Chester and J. S. Watkins, D. D.

Ruling Elders—John B. Burwell, J. M. McIver, John A. Womack, John W. Lewis.

Rocky Mount was chosen as the place of the next stated meeting of the Presbytery, and the time fixed for Friday, the 19th of October, at 7:30 P. M.

The following committee was appointed to arrange for the holding of the Presbyterial Sunday-school Convention with the fall meeting of the Presbytery, viz.: L. C. Vass, D. D., S. H. Chester, J. N. H. Summerell, Leo D. Heartt and F. S. Royster.

The Presbytery then heard the Rev. S. Taylor Martin in regard to the endowment of the Fifth Professorship in Union Theological Seminary in Virginia, and the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Presbytery of Orange calls special attention to the action of the Synod of North Carolina concerning Union Theological Seminary, and urges all its pastors and supplies who have not done so, to present the claims of the Seminary to the churches, and by such agency as seems best adapted to their respective fields, to give every member an opportunity of contributing to this important cause.

Mr. J. A. Womack presented and read a full and interesting sketch of the Pittsboro Church, which was received, and ordered to be filed in the archives of Presbytery, and the thanks of the body were tendered to Mr. Womack.

After prayer by Rev. E. P. Davis, the Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

THIRD DAY.

THURSDAY, April 26th.

The Presbytery met at 9:30 A. M., and was opened with prayer by Rev. Wm. F. Thom.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read, corrected and approved.

The Rev. John C. Dinwiddie, of the Roanoke Presbytery, was invited to sit as a corresponding member, and introduced to the Presbytery.

The Rev. J. B. Carpenter, of the Methodist E. Church, was invited to sit as a visiting brother, and introduced to the Presbytery.

An overture, from the Alamance Church session, touching the formation of a new Presbytery, was presented, and made the order of the day for 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Messrs. J. M. Andrews, J. M. Rogers and A. C. McAllister, were appointed a committee to settle with the Evangelists.

Additional members were enrolled, on rendering satisfactory reasons for tardiness. (See names on roll before figure 3.)

Mr. T. C. Worth made, by request, some statements concerning the present condition and needs of the Randolph county missionary field.

The Committee on Calls and Supplies reported, recommending:

(1) That Oakland Church be permitted to employ the Rev. Dr. Burwell as stated supply for one Sabbath per month at a salary of $60 per annum.

(2) That Lexington Church be permitted to employ the Rev. A. L. Crawford as stated supply half his time, at a salary of $300 per annum.

(3) That Mount Airy Church be permitted to employ the Rev. E. W. Smith as stated supply one-fourth of his time, at a salary of $175 per annum.

(4) That Wentworth Church be supplied by the Rev. S. O. Hall for one-fourth of his time, at a salary of $160 per annum.

(5) That considering the peculiar circumstances which now exist, and have existed in the Milton Church concerning the pastoral relation:

Resolved, That for the present this church be permitted to retain the Rev. T. U. Faucette as stated supply.

These recommendations were adopted.

The report of the Trustees of Presbytery was read, received and adopted.

The report of the special *ad interim* committee on Amendments of the Book of Church Order was received, and after consideration, made the second order of the day for to-morrow.

The Presbytery then went into an election of commissioners to the General Assembly, with the following result:

1. Rev. J. Henry Smith, D. D.	Alternate,	Rev. S. H. Chester.
2. Rev. D. Irwin Craig,	"	Rev. J. S. Watkins, D. D.
3. Mr. John McIver,	"	Mr. John W. Lewis.
4. Mr. John B. Burwell,	"	Mr. John A. Womack.

The Committee on Installations reported, recommending that the Rev. E. P. Davis be installed pastor of the Winston Church on the second Sabbath in May, that the Rev. Dr. Smith preside, preach, and charge the pastor, and the Rev. H. T. Darnall charge the people. Adopted.

The special committee to which was referred the communication from the Executive Committee of Davidson College made a report recommending concurrence by this Presbytery in the action of Concord Presbytery in relation to an increase in the endowment of Davidson College, as presented in said communications except in that part of the action contained in paragraph numbered 5. Paragraph 6 was also amended, and the paper adopted as a whole, as follows:

1. That the Presbytery rejoices to learn from the "annual letter" of the trustees that the college has enjoyed such a measure of prosperity during the past year. We cordially sympathize with Dr. McKinnon, our President, in his protracted illness, and express the most earnest hope that he may be speedily restored to health, and to his responsible place at the head of the college. At the same time the Presbytery most heartily endorses Dr. Martin as vice-President, and acting president of the college, and would assure our people that we have the fullest confidence in his wisdom, faithfulness and skill, and our firm belief that the college will suffer no injury under his able management.

2. The Presbytery learns with satisfaction that the trustees have continued Rev. Dr. Mack as the agent of the college, and desire to commend him to the confidence and liberality of our churches and people.

3. In view of the centennial of Presbyterianism in the United States, occurring in the year 1888, we recommend that the churches and people connected with Davidson College endeavor to raise $100,000 for the increased endowment of Davidson College, *as a thank-offering to God* for His goodness to us, and we would request Dr. Mack to aid our ministers and Ruling Elders in carrying out this scheme.

4. We recommend that contributions and subscriptions be taken up in all our churches, the proceeds to be appropriated to the endowment of the chair of "Bible Study and Presbyterian History." The speedy establishment of this chair the Presbytery regards as of the utmost importance.

5. In view of the urgent need of funds to aid indigent students the Presbytery would encourage churches and individuals to establish memorial scholarships in honor of worthy deceased pastors *or others*, the income to be appropriated to aid students nominated by the donors, or by the Faculty of the college, according to the plan already arranged.

6. The Presbytery would respectfully call the attention of benevolent persons, having property to bequeath, to Davidson College as a suitable object of charitable remembrance. A large part of the endowment of other colleges has been obtained in this way, and we believe that testators could find no more promising methods of doing good with their money than leaving it to be employed in Christian education.

7. We would respectfully ask the trustees to consider the propriety of issuing limited scholarships, for smaller sums, and for shorter terms of years.

The hours of daily meeting were reconsidered, and 2:30 P. M. was substituted for 2 P. M. as the hour of the afternoon session.

A communication, addressed to the Presbytery by Mr. C. H. Scott, member of the Second Church at Raleigh, was received, read, and referred to a special committee to consider it, and prepare a suitable response, and report the same to this meeting. The committee appointed were the Rev. Messrs. Darnall and Chester, and Mr. John A. Womack.

A report of his labors was received from Mr. B. B. Palmer, licentiate of this Presbytery. This report was approved, and the Stated Clerk was directed to write Mr. Palmer a letter of encouragement.

Recess taken until 2:30 P. M.

After recess: The following Narrative of the State of Religion, prepared and reported by the standing committee on that subject, was adopted, and a copy ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly and the Synod, viz.:

NARRATIVE FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Our churches, with one or two exceptions, are well supplied with the means of grace. Additions to our churches have been very general, and in many instances unusually large. There has also been a very perceptible advance in the grace of giving. These facts taken together, we believe, indicate that our churches are alive and progressive, and that the outlook for the future is under the blessing of God—more than usually hopeful. We note, however, with much sorrow, that many of our churches report *neglect of Sabbath Observance* and *Family Worship*, and that almost no effort is made *to spread the gospel among the colored people.*

The committee, on the notice from the Clerk of the Assemby, touching error in the minutes, made the following report, which was adopted, and a copy ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly as the answer of the Presbytery in the matter, viz.:

The special committee appointed to report concerning the error made by the Permanent Clerk of the General Assembly in transcribing the overture from the Presbytery of Lexington, relative to Organic Union with other bodies of like faith and order, respectfully offer the following recommendations for adoption by this Presbytery:

1. That we have been notified of the error in the overture in due time for its thorough consideration.

2. But as there seems to be grave doubt as to the propriety and constitutionality of any action in reference to this overture, your committee recommend that Presbytery request the Assembly to send down the overture again in its true form.

If, however, the Assembly should determine to count the votes of the Presbyteries, we wish the vote of Orange Presbytery to be counted as advising and consenting to the overture.

E. P. DAVIS, *Chairman.*

The report of the Committee to Audit the Treasurer's Accounts, submitted the following report, which was received and approved, viz.:

The committee appointed to examine the report of the Treasurer of the Presbytery beg leave to make the following report:

We find his books neatly and correctly kept, and his accounts all balanced, showing the disposition made of the funds belonging to the

different boards which have passed through his hands during the year ending March 31st, 1888; and the balance due each as follows, viz.:

BALANCE DUE:	Deposited in State Nat. Bank.	Deposited Elsewhere.
Foreign Misssions	$ 302 57	$
Sustentation	99 17	79 02
Invalid Fund	30 95	13 65
Tuscaloosa Institute	16 35	36 90
Education	113 99	80 84
Publication	60 90	79 04
Home Missions (Orange Presbytery)	113 97	274 43
Evangelistic Fund	118 80	77 69
Presbyterial Fund	78 57	64 52
Lindsey Legacy	1,000 00	
	$1,953 29	$ 706 09

In examining the vouchers there was one receipt for $50.05 missing. The amount was sent to the Board of Foreign Missions February 2d, 1888, and the Treasurer says it was simply an oversight, and he will have the receipt soon. There is also another receipt for $20.23 of the Presbyterial Fund that he had not yet gotten.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. ANDREWS, *Chairman.*

The following overture, relating to a record of the "proceedings" of the General Assembly, was presented and amended and adopted, and a copy ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly:

The Presbytery of Orange respectfully overture the General Assembly:

WHEREAS, It appears that there are no "original minutes" of the General Assembly by which errors in the printed minutes might be corrected.

WHEREAS, It is evident that mistakes are liable to occur which it seems cannot be corrected.

WHEREAS, We are therefore left without any resource, even though there may be no doubt as to the intent and act of the Assembly in the premises:

Therefore the Presbytery of Orange overtures the General Assembly to order a record of its "*proceedings*" kept as is the custom in other courts of our church, such record to be read and approved and adopted as in Synods and Presbyteries, and to be held and appealed to as the original official record of the body.

The Presbytery then took up the order of the day, namely, the overture of the Alamance Church session concerning a new Presbytery to be formed out of Orange Presbytery. After considerable discussion, the whole subject was postponed until the spring meeting next year.

The Committee on Calls and Supplies reported, recommending that the request of the Grassy Creek Church for amendment of their call for pastor be granted. The call is amended so that the church obtains one-fourth of pastor's time on salary of $90. Adopted.

The special committee appointed to draft a reply for the Presbytery to the letter of Mr. C. H. Scott reported, presenting an answer, which was adopted and ordered to be sent to Mr. Scott by the Stated Clerk, with the kindest wishes of the Presbytery.

The Presbytery then took a recess until 8 P. M.

The Presbytery reassembled at 8 o'clock in the Church, and after devotional exercises, Rev. Alexander Sprunt made his report as Agent of Home Missions, and was followed by Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D., General Evangelist of the Presbytery, with a report of his labors.

Rev. W. F. Thom, Evangelist in the Chatham field, and Rev. C. D. Price, Evangelist in the Warrenton field, also made reports of their labors.

These reports were all received, and pending their consideration the Presbytery, after prayer by Rev. A. L. Crawford, adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

FOURTH DAY.

FRIDAY, April 27th, 9:30 A. M.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with Prayer by the Moderator.

The minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and approved.

On motion, it was ordered that an adjourned meeting of the Presbytery be held at the Mebaneville Church on Thursday at 8 P. M., before the second Sabbath in May, for the purpose of receiving and settling in that charge, if the way be clear, the pastor-elect of said church.

The standing Committee on Reports on Sessional Duties made the following report, which was received and approved, viz.:

Your Committee on Sessional Duties report: Fifty-five churches have sent up reports. Those not reporting are: Graham, Calah, Speedwell, Horeb, Louisburg, Elkin, Oak Hill, Nahalah, LaGrange, Grassy Creek and Wilson. No church reports any poor supported by public charity. Thirty-two churches report the expenses of delegates to Presbytery and Synod paid; three report expenses paid in part; twelve report expenses not paid; five report no expenses incurred, and six make no answer, or in such language that your committee cannot determine.

Thirty-nine churches sent up narratives on the state of religion; twenty-eight did not.

Forty-one churches sent up sessional records, and twenty-six did not.

Forty-one churches report pastors' salary paid in full; fourteen report paid in part, and making effort to pay in full; four churches make no answer to the question concerning the payment of pastors' salary, as follows: Hawfields, Cross-Roads, Graham and Leaksville. The Second Church in Raleigh states that no definite salary has been promised.

Thirty churches report that no collection ordered by the General Assembly was omitted. The collection for Sustentation was omitted by Red House Church and Bethlehem.

The collection for Education was omitted by Buffaloe Church.

The collection for Publication was omitted by Rocky Mount and Kernersville churches.

The collection for Invalid Fund was omitted by the Kernersville Church.

The collection for Tuscaloosa Institute was omitted by Durham, Cross-Roads, Bethlehem, Rocky Mount, Kernersville, Jamestown and Little River.

The churches sending up reports and not answering to the question concerning collections, or in such a way as your committee could not determine, are: Hawfield, Ashboro, Worthville, Mount Airy, Raleigh Second, Fairfield, Haywood, Eno, Shiloh, New Hope and Bethesda and Nahalah.

The mode of collection seems to be about equally divided between the envelope plan and the basket system.

D. I. CRAIG, *Chairman.*

The Committee to Review Sessional Records submitted the folllowing report, which was received and adopted, viz.:

Your Committee on Sessional Records would report, that sitting in committee of the whole the following report is unanimously agreed upon:

1. No sessional records have been received from Oakland, New Hope, Washington, Cala, Speedwell, Graham, Bethesda, Warrenton, Littleton, Haywood, Kernersville, Croatan, LaGrange, Oxford, Nutbush, Grassy Creek, Oak Hill, Shiloh and Mount Airy.

2. The records of the following churches have been approved as far as written: Milton, Red House, Raleigh First and Second, High Point, Greensboro, Westminster, Newbern, Burlington, Fairfield, Reidsville, Mount Vernon, Pittsboro, Gulf, Tarboro, Rocky Mount, Hillsboro, Durham, Henderson, Leaksville, Wentworth, Cross-Roads, Mebanesville, Bethlehem, Worthville, Geneva, Madison, Mount Airy, Chapel Hill, Nahala and Wilson.

3. Exceptions are taken to the following records on the ground of their not being sent up for review, as follows: Little River, since the year 1884; Eno, since '83; Yanceyville, since '80; Oak Forest, since '84; Lexington, since '83; Stony Creek, since '84; Grier's, since '84; Bethel, since '86; Ashboro, since '85; and Mount Airy since '82.

4. The following special exceptions were sustained:

Hawfields Church reports an infant baptism as a part of sessional action.

Winston Church, p. 4: New book; a sessional record is unfinished and not signed.

Jamestown Church shows no meeting held from August, '87, to April, '88—eight months.

Lexington Church: The session took recess from one Wednesday to another, instead of adjourning.

Lexington Church: Sessional reports are not recorded from the year 1883 until 1888.

Alamance Church, on p. 48: A request is presented to have the name of a member erased from the roll, on the ground that she had joined the church when young; that she afterward lost her hope, and did not recover it until the fall of '87, and then desired to unite with the Buffaloe Church; and on p. 50 the session granted the request for the reasons mentioned, instead of her being regularly dismissed.

Respectfully submitted, on behalf of the Committee of the Whole,

H. T. DARNALL, *Chairman.*

Rev. R. H. Wills, of the Methodist P. Church, was invited to sit as a visiting brother, and introduced to the Presbytery.

The Committee to Examine and Report on the Minutes of the Synod, made the following report, which was received and adopted, viz.:

REPORT ON MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The committee appointed to examine the minutes of the Synod of North Carolina report, that on examination the minutes of Synod are unusually full and complete. There is much information given in the minutes, on subjects relating to work done in the bounds of the Synod. (Matters of special importance will be found recorded on the following pages: 101st, 103d, 117th, 142d, 149th, 154th, 158th, 161st, 164th.)

Your committee finds nothing in the minutes calling for action of the Presbytery, except as to the resolution found at the bottom of page 129, on which your committee offer the following resolution:

WHEREAS, It is now impracticable to comply with the directions given in this resolution, the pastors of our churches be directed to present the cause of Foreign Missions to their churches on the first Sabbath in May, or as early thereafter as possible.

J. L. CURRIE, *Chairman.*

The Committee to Prepare a Report for the General Assembly on Systematic Benevolence made a report, which was approved and adopted, and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly. (See Appendix A.)

Rev. Arch. Currie received permission to continue his labors out of the bounds of the Presbytery.

It was made the first order of the day for this afternoon to examine a young brother with a view to his coming under the care of the Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry.

The report of the Committee on Devotional Exercises was received and approved.

The Presbyterial Agent of Sabbath-schools, Rev. Dr. Vass, not being present, the reports of churches on this subject were referred to Rev. Dr. Johnston to prepare a report for the General Assembly.

The unfinished business, to-wit, Home Missions, was then taken up.

Rev. W. R. Coppedge, Evangelist of the Caswell county field, and Rev. R. P. Pell, Evangelist of Wilson-Nahalah field, made reports of their labors.

Rev. Messrs. Dalton and E. W. Smith, who are engaged in evangelistic work for a part of their time, also reported on their work in Rockingham and Surry and Randolph counties.

Rev. Messrs. Isler and Moore not present, sent reports of their work in Johnston and Granville counties.

The reports of all these brethren were received and approved.

The resolutions offered by Mr. Sprunt, as Agent of Home Missions, were made the order for to-night after divine service.

The following appointments for missionary service were ordered, on recommendation of the Agent of Home Missions, viz.:

Warrenton—J. H. Smith, D. D.
Littleton—Alexander Sprunt.
Nahalah—S. M. Smith.
Wilson—R. B. Willis.
Chatham County—E. W. Smith, S. H. Chester, W. F. Wilhelm.
Mount Airy—J. H. Smith, D. D.
Worthville—Alexander Sprunt.
Grier's—S. H. Chester.
Bethesda—D. I. Craig.
Stony Creek—C. Miller.
Yanceyville—H. T. Darnall.

The Committee to settle with the Evangelists made a report, which was received and approved.

Recess was now taken until 2:30 P. M.

After recess: Presbytery took up the order of the day, when Mr. Samuel M. Rankin was introduced to the Presbytery, with a view to his examination and approval as a candidate for the gospel ministry. Mr. Rankin, who is a member of the Bethel Church, was then carefully examined on experimental religion, and his motives for seeking the ministry. This examination was sustained as satisfactory, and, on motion, Mr. Rankin was received under the care of the Presbytery.

The second order of the day was then taken up, viz.: The report of the *ad interim* Committee on the Amendments to the Book of Church Order, sent down to the Presbytery by the last General Assembly.

The report was read, and Presbytery approved and adopted all the proposed amendments adjusting the Book so as to harmonize its declarations concerning the Ruling Elder. And this action of the Presbytery was ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly.

On motion, the General Evangelist, and all the evangelists already in their respective fields, were re-elected for another year.

Presbytery then took recess, to meet again after divine service to-night.

After recess: The Presbytery was called to order.

The resolutions offered by the Agent of Home Missions were then read and adopted *seriatim*, and finally adopted as a whole. They are as follows:

Inasmuch as the Home Mission field of Orange Presbytery is so extensive, being more extensive than the Home Mission territory in all the other Presbyteries of the Synod combined, and inasmuch as we are not able of ourselves to compass this vast field,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to draw up a memorial to Synod, inviting and urging the co-operation of Synod in our efforts to meet the demands made by us in this extensive work in our bounds, this committee to report to next regular meeting of Presbytery.

2. That we do here express our profound interest in the work of Home Missions in our Presbytery, and recognize in the fear of God our responsibilities to the great Head of the Church to keep this branch of the Master's work upon our minds and hearts; and we will, at the seasons appointed by the General Assembly for this purpose, present the interests of our work of Home Missions to our people, and urge upon them the great importance of a liberal response to the calls that are made upon their Christian liberality.

3. That the Agent of Home Missions be authorized to draw upon any funds of Presbytery contributed for Home Mission work in our bounds, to secure permanent supplies for the Elizabeth City and Randolph fields.

4. That as much as $300, if necessary, be contributed to aid in the erection of a church building in Elizabeth City; and $150, if necessary, to be contributed toward the erection of a church building at Falkland, in Pitt county; and $50, if necessary for the church building at Hobgood's Fork.

5. That candidates Harrell and Mebane be employed in our evangelistic field during the summer, under the direction of the Agent of Home

Missions, and that the $25.00 per month be contributed towards their support.

6. That the General Evangelist, Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D., be urged to continue his visits to our churches in the interests of Home Missions, presenting the necessities of our work, and soliciting the co-operation of our people in our efforts to supply new fields with the gospel, and erect church buildings where necessary.

The following action was also taken: Concerning the resolution adopted at the last regular meeting (Minutes, pp. 245 and 246), it is to be understood that the Evangelistic Fund is to be preserved intact and kept distinct from the fund of Home Missions, although no distinction is to be observed in the disbursement of these funds, both being used in the prosecution of Home Mission work.

Presbytery then, after prayer by Rev. Dr. Smith, adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

FIFTH DAY.

SATURDAY, April 28th, 9:30 A. M.

The Presbytery met, and was opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Johnston.

The minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and approved.

The report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance (Dr. Atkinson chairman) was read, received, approved, and ordered to be forwarded to Dr. Stacy, chairman of the Assembly Committee on the Sabbath.

Rev. Dr. Johnston presented a tabulated report (based upon the reports sent up from the churches) on Sabbath-schools, which was received, adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly. (See Appendix B.)

In connection with this subject, the following action was taken:

The churches co-operating in Union Sabbath-schools are directed to report their part of the work to Presbytery in

the same manner, so far as possible, as they would report their own schools if separate.

The Committee on Leave of Absence made a report, which was received and approved.

The following action was taken :

Mrs. M. C. Lane, of Mt. Vernon, having written to the Presbytery and complained of their former decision in her case, (see Minutes, p. 250), the Stated Clerk be directed to write a kind letter to the lady, stating that Presbytery did not see sufficient reason for reversing its former action.

The following resolution was adopted by a rising vote :

The Presbytery of Orange desires to express and put on record its sincere gratitude and hearty thanks to the people of Greensboro for the generous manner in which they have entertained its members, and for their appreciative attendance upon its sessions; to the Methodist and Baptist churches for the tender of their houses of worship, and also to the various railroad companies for reduced rates to and from Presbytery.

Ordered, that this resolution be read from the pulpit of the First Presbyterian Church on Sabbath morning, and published in the *Daily Workman*.

The minutes were then read and approved.

After singing, prayer and the apostolic benediction, the Presbytery adjourned to meet in the Mebanesville Church on Thursday, May 10th, at 8 P. M.

MEBANESVILLE, MAY 10th, 1888.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by Rev. W. F. Wilhelm, Acting Moderator.

Present:—Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D., Rev. W. F. Wilhelm and Rev. S. H. Chester. Also Mr. T. M. Cheek, Ruling Elder, representing the Mebanesville Church.

Mr. J. Horace Lacy, Jr., a candidate under the care of East Hanover Presbytery, being present, applied to be taken under the care of the Presbytery, with a view to his

accepting a call to become the pastor of Mebanesville Church, but stated that his letter of transfer, which he had requested, had not yet reached him ; whereupon, the Presbytery, having evidence deemed good and sufficient, namely, the official publication of the fact of Mr. Lacy's transfer to this Presbytery in the *Central Presbyterian* of the 9th inst., resolved to waive the usual formality, and received Mr. Lacy under its care as a candidate.

Presbytery, having assurance that a call for the pastoral services of Mr. Lacy, already made out, but not in the house, would be presented in the morning, resolved to examine Mr. Lacy with a view to his ordination, if the way be clear.

Mr. Lacy was then examined on his acquaintance with experimental religion, and his examination sustained as satisfactory.

To-morrow morning at 11 o'clock was fixed as the time for hearing the candidate's trial sermon. The text assigned him was Romans, 8:28.

To-morrow night at 8 o'clock was appointed as the time of the ordination and installation services, if the way be clear; Rev. W. F. Wilhelm, Moderator *pro tem.*, to preside, &c., and deliver the charge to the pastor ; Rev. Dr. Johnston to preach the sermon, and Rev. S. H. Chester to deliver the charge to the people.

Rev. Mr. Wilhelm was appointed to examine the candidate's Greek Critical Exercise, Dr. Johnston to examine his Latin Thesis, and Rev. Mr. Chester to examine his Popular Lectures, and report on the same.

The Presbytery then, after prayer by Dr. Johnston, adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Presbytery met and was opened with prayer by Rev. S. H. Chester.

The committee appointed to examine the Latin Thesis, Greek Exercise and Popular Lecture of the candidate, reported, recommending the same for approval as parts of trial. Adopted.

A call for the pastoral services of Mr. Lacy for three-fourths of his time on a salary of $600 from the Mebanesville Church, was presented and found in order, and placed in the hands of Mr. Lacy, who then signified his acceptance of the call.

The Moderator of Presbytery, Rev. C. Miller, by letter, appointed the following committee on Memorial to Synod, respecting evangelistic labor in Orange Presbytery, ordered at the regular meeting, but overlooked by him, viz. : F. H. Johnston, D. D., Alexander Sprunt and W. S. Primrose.

The candidate, Mr. Lacy, was then examined successively on Philosophy, mental and moral, on Theology, on Church History and Church Government, all of which examinations were approved, each by a separate vote.

The candidate then preached his trial sermon on the text assigned—Romans, 8:28. This sermon was sustained as part of trial.

Mr. Lacy was next examined on the Sacraments, on the Hebrew and Greek languages, and his examination in each sustained as satisfactory.

The examinations of the candidate were then sustained as a whole.

Mr. Chester was appointed to review and report upon the records of Haywood Church Session, which failed to reach the regular meeting in Greensboro.

Mr. D. F. Morrow, of Bethlehem Church, was enrolled.

A call from the Bethlehem Church for the services of Mr. Lacy as pastor for one Sabbath in each month, and every fifth Sabbath, was presented and found in order.

This call was, on motion, docketed for consideration at the fall meeting, in view of the fact that the church was yet in arrears on salary to its former pastor; meanwhile permission was given to Mr. Lacy to supply the church until then.

Recess was then taken until 8 P. M.

After recess: The Presbytery met, and a congregation being present, Rev. Dr. Johnston preached the Ordination Sermon, after which Mr. J. Horace Lacy was solemnly ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry by prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, after the apostolic example, and installed at the same time pastor of the church at Mebanesville.

A charge was then given to the pastor by Rev. W. F. Wilhelm, and one to the people by Rev. S. H. Chester.

The name of J. Horace Lacy was then enrolled as a member of this Presbytery.

Mr. Chester reported on the Haywood Sessional Records, recommending approval with certain exceptions. Adopted.

The Presbytery then approved the minutes of this meetings, and adjourned to meet at Rocky Mount on Friday, October 19th, at 7:30 P. M.

Closed with prayer by Rev. Mr. Wilhelm.

J. N. H. SUMMERELL,
HIRAM FOARD,
TEMPORARY CLERKS.

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

(A)

Presbyterial Report on Systematic Beneficence.

The Report of the Presbytery of Orange to the General Assembly and Synod, for the Year Ending April, 1888.

OBJECTS.	NUMBER OF CONGREGATIONS CONTRIBUTING.	AMOUNTS.
Home Missions	Fifty-two	$ 1,252 86
Evangelistic	Fifty-six	2,196 12
Invalid Fund	Thirty-nine	361 02
Foreign Missions	Fifty-four	3,115 63
Education	Fifty-one	444 20
Publication	Forty-one	273 16
Colored Evangelization	Twenty-seven	138 10
Total		$ 7,781 09

Twenty-five congregations have contributed to all the seven objects of benevolence ordered by the General Assembly; eleven have contributed to six; eight have contributed to five; ten have contributed to four; none have contributed to three; two have contributed to two; two have contributed to one; three have contributed to none.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1887.	1888.	GAIN.	LOSS.
Home Missions	$ 739 90	$ 1,252 86	$ 512 96	$
Evangelistic	625 17	2,196 12	1,570 95	
Invalid Fund	269 28	361 02	91 74	
Foreign Missions	2,016 55	3,115 63	1,099 08	
Education	408 70	444 20	35 50	
Publication	240 44	273 16	32 72	
Colored Evangelization	107 30	138 10	30 80	
Totals	$ 4,407 30	$ 7,781 09	$ 3,373 75	$

By order of the Presbytery:

F. H. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

(B)

Presbyterial Report on Sabbath Schools.

Report of the Presbytery of Orange to the General Assembly for the Year Ending April 1st, 1888.

NAMES OF SCHOOLS.	No. on Rolls.		Average Attendance.		Scholars Admitted to the Communion.	Contributions of the Schools.	
	Teachers.	Scholars.	Teachers.	Scholars.		For their own Expenses.	For Other Purposes.
1. Alamance	8	120	4	50	10	$ 1 00	$
2. Bethel	7	60	6	50		2 00	
3. Bethlehem	4	40	3	30	1		
4. Burlington	5	30	3	20			
5. Buffaloe	7	65	6	50	3		
6. Chapel Hill	4	29	4			6 25	5 71
7. Croatan	5	28	5	20	2	10 00	
8. Cross-Roads	6	50	5	40	10	10 00	
9. Durham	13	107	11	80	4	119 22	22 64
10. Fairfield	5	40	5	30			
11. Geneva	4	50	3	30	4	3 20	
12. Graham	10	61	7	33		29 98	
13. Greensboro 1st	24	180	20	102	10	110 00	24 57
14. Grier's	3	40		27	2	7 00	
15. Hawfield's	8	102	6	60	6	12 00	
16. Henderson	13	83	11	60	4	50 41	47 00
17. High Point	7	59	7	40		49 04	4 00
18. Hillsboro	7	45	6	30	4	14 26	
19. Jamestown	6	54	3	30		10 00	
20. Leaksville	8	66	4	35	4	25 00	
21. Lexington	12	65	10	48		41 06	
22. Little River	10	88	6	40	6	12 84	
23. Madison	9	36	6	26	3	29 00	3 90
24. Mebanesville	6	75	6	50	1	10 75	6 75
25. Milton	9	57	7	45		27 51	3 00
26. Mount Airy	6	30	5	20		12 00	
27. Mount Vernon (2 schools)	7	88	6	75		3 95	
28. Nahala (2 schools)	8	74					
29. Newbern	15	83	11	55	27	48 59	103 09
30. New Hope	10	54	7	18	3	2 55	
31. Oxford	7	65	6	40	1		40 00
32. Raleigh First	24	201	18	108	39	67 87	53 63
33. Raleigh Second	8	42					45 64
34. Reidsville	16	130	12	90	2	55 00	6 00
35. Red House	6	32			1		3 00
36. Rocky Mount	5	30	4	26	1	14 11	
37. Spring Wood	5	50	4	20	1	4 46	
38. Stony Creek	7	72	5	40		5 58	
39. Tarboro	7	42	6	37	1	28 90	
40. Washington	22	180	18	110		50 87	12 00
41. Wentworth	5	35	4	25		8 00	
42. Westminster	18	125	16	87	2	48 42	
43. Wilson	8	46				25 25	
44. Winston	20	149	14	89	1	150 65	71 71
45. Worthville	9	93	8	69		25 00	
46. Oakland		30					
	413	3,281	301	1,955	153	$ 1,131 72	$ 455 64

Fifty-six churches reported. Ten of these have no school, or unite with other denominations in Union Schools. The schools are under the care of Session, and the services in most cases are at tended by pastor and elders. Pastors, except in few cases, do not preach regularly to children. The Catechisms are taught in all schools, the Confession of Faith only in some. *Children's Friend* and *Earnest Worker* taken and used in most schools. The Scriptures appear to be memorized to a greater extent than formerly. The International Series of Questions are used, together with other helps. In some schools there has been more than ordinary religious interest, and several additions made to the church. Our schools, as a general thing, do not contribute to all the General Assembly's schemes of benevolence.

By order of Presbytery. Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

I. Statistical Report—Collections, 1888.

(Churches not in this List Made no Report.)

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Evangelistic.	Invalid Fund.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Publication.	Colored Evangelization.	Bible Cause.	Presbyterial.	Pastors' Salary Paid.	Pastors' Salary Promised.	Congregational.	Miscellaneous.	Value of House.
Alamance	$ 26 12	$ 36 72	$ 6 17	$ 75 00	$ 14 20	$ 3 88	$ 6 40	$ 3 02	$ 12 00	$ 473 08	$ 500 00	$ 45 05	$ 6 40	$
Ashboro	5 00	2 47		5 00	2 00				2 00	33 75				
Bethel	3 78	4 10	2 70	33 60	3 30	2 85			16 75		300 00		33 65	
Bethlehem		1 81	70	8 51	65	10			80	182 00	225 00		5 00	
Bethesda		2 00		4 70	90	2 85			4 00	76 65	150 00	61 00		
Buffaloe	20 93	20 45	7 02	24 55		4 05	3 11		16 75	375 00	375 00	47 49		
Burlington	5 00	5 00	2 00	21 10	2 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	3 00	100 00	100 00	15 21		
Chapel Hill	10 00	14 00	2 50	22 50	6 50	4 25	2 00		3 00	415 00	450 00	55 95		
Croatan		2 80									50 00			
Cross-Roads	4 40	28 15	12 11	28 17	3 25	2 00			15 00	460 00	460 00	217 80	17 84	900 00
Durham	110 40	22 46	7 03	17 16	7 52	6 00			15 00	1,200 00	900 00	907 81		3,500 00
Eno	2 56	2 57		6 33	6 07				3 09	75 00	100 00			
Fairfield	4 00	4 00		6 00	3 00				2 00	50 00	100 00			
Geneva	6 00	15 00		16 17	6 00		3 40		6 00	113 00	200 00	36 00		
Graham	75 34	65 00	23 88	191 00	77 00	10 00			25 00	1,200 00	1,200 00	100 67		2,000 00
Greensboro First	125 06	1,117 92	16 68	1,175 95	12 08	15 50	7 63		32 00	1,700 00	1,700 00	864 65	291 50	
Griers'	12 04	3 59		5 42	3 55				2 00					
Gulf	4 00	4 00	1 00	8 00	3 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	100 00	100 00	160 00	15 00	
Hawfields	9 30	18 91	13 80	39 15	2 91	1 00	1 00		15 00	460 00	460 00	176 56	50 00	900 00
Haywood										60 00	60 00			
Henderson	187 09	22 75	16 91	104 26	17 63	20 09	13 04			1,000 00	1,000 00	552 27	57 76	2,750 00
High Point	12 00	8 00	4 00	17 00	6 00	3 00	2 00		5 00	200 00	200 00	86 00	20 10	
Hillsboro	19 00	9 30	3 53	26 63	5 25	5 00	10 17		6 00	500 00	500 00	43 31	33 00	1,500 00
Jamestown	3 00	2 00	1 50	2 50	1 50	1 00			2 00	60 00	60 00	2 00		
Kernersville	1 00	1 00		1 00	1 00				1 00	46 50				
Leaksville	5 52	4 02	4 53	13 38	5 75	5 44	4 03			200 00	200 00	20 00	25 00	
Lexington	2 08	12 00	3 22	14 78	4 00	1 90	2 27		7 50	400 00	300 00	55 92	58 52	2,500 00
Littleton	3 00	3 00	2 00	7 30	2 00	2 00	1 00		2 00	110 00			10 00	
Little River	7 14	5 00	4 34	14 00	5 20	3 42			10 53		200 00			
Madison	5 05	6 50	4 75	20 18	3 00	4 00	3 70		8 00	275 00	275 00	61 51		

Mebaneville	15 00	16 85	2 00	100 00	5 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	15 00	563 75	500 00	100 00	25 00	
Milton	25 25	26 37	18 68	18 36	6 00	6 23	7 78		4 75	600 00	600 00	98 00	25 25	
Mount Airy	1 00	7 23		3 00	1 00	1 00			2 00	93 75	175 00	22 65		
Mount Vernon	5 00	5 00		10 00	4 00				2 00	73 50	85 00	11 77	35 00	
Nahalah	2 00	2 00							2 00		200 00			
Newbern	38 00	32 62	29 55	126 00	47 41	25 90		5 65	23 00	1,000 00	1,000 00	158 00	28 64	2,000 00
New Hope	3 13	2 53		1 00	3 73				9 24	69 00	200 00	70	2 00	
Nutbush	35 20	11 52	9 00	25 38	8 15	12 00	7 38	2 92	6 00	300 00	300 00	26 11	255 40	500 00
Oak Forest	3 00	2 00	50	5 00	2 00	1 00	50		2 00	100 00	100 00	5 00		
Oakland										60 00	60 00			
Oxford	73 75	25 85	22 26	65 22	20 39	18 64	18 00		12 00	600 00	600 00	115 86	42 28	3,000 00
Pittsboro	9 00	7 00	1 00	13 20	1 00	1 00	2 00		4 00	90 00	100 00	15 50		
Raleigh First	64 94	109 82	52 49	335 81	24 00	8 72	10 77		40 00	1,600 00	1,600 00	780 43	553 72	4,000 00
Raleigh Second		3 50		22 50					3 00	445 00		75 00	2 00	2,000 00
Red House		10 00	9 00	9 00	4 00	3 25	7 00		5 00	120 00	150 00			
Reidsville	125 00	17 00	8 00	42 50	16 00	8 00	5 00		15 00	625 00	625 00	350 00		2,500 00
Rocky Mount	4 00	5 00	2 00	4 00	2 00				3 00	200 00	200 00	19 24	96 48	150 00
Shiloh	8 00	5 00	1 50	3 43	5 00					45 00	80 00		5 00	
Spring Wood	5 56	5 00	3 15	15 00	2 15	1 54	1 43		5 00	100 00	100 00	2 70		
Stony Creek	4 44	2 00	1 60	5 00	2 33	3 50			5 00	100 00	100 00			
Tarboro	15 00	15 00	10 00	40 00	13 00	5 00	2 00		10 00	600 00	600 00	187 63	485 45	2,000 00
Warrenton	3 00	3 00		8 00	2 00	1 00			2 00	220 00	240 00	74 50	28 00	1,000 00
Washington	74 09	129 08	22 56	74 09	15 19	20 00	16 23		20 00	1,000 00	1,000 00	263 60	96 75	2,500 00
Wentworth	4 70	1 06	1 40	8 27	88	1 73	1 04		4 00	175 00	175 00	50 00		
Westminster	6 18	7 79		14 74		12 47			8 00	150 00	600 00	64 61		
Wilson	2 00	2 00		6 00	2 00				2 00		150 00	45 36	240 10	
Winston	55 64	190 85	26 46	258 29	50 23	39 68	6 00	12 22	25 00	893 37		491 96		4,000 00
Worthville	2 00	2 00		5 00	2 00				2 00	57 00	57 00	20 00		
Yanceyville	4 17					1 17				90 00	150 00	50 00		600 00
Totals	$1,252 86	$2,196 12	$ 361 02	$ 3,115 63	$ 444 20	$ 273 16	$ 138 10	$ 28 81	$ 450 41	$19,834 95	$ 199 12	$ 6,543 82	$ 2,551 44	$38,300 00
Last year	$ 739 90	$ 625 17	$ 269 28	$ 2,016 55	$ 408 70	$ 240 44	$ 107 30	$ 188 00	$ 566 00	$ 19,296 00	$ 209 90	$ 6,954 00	$ 1,768 00	$39,300 00
Increase	$ 512 96	$1,570 95	$ 91 74	$ 1,099 08	$ 35 50	$ 32 72	$ 30 80			$ 538 95			$ 783 44	
Decrease								$ 159 19	$ 115 59		1,078 00	$ 410 18		$ 1,000 00

II. Statistical Report—The Presbytery, 1888.

MINISTERS.	POST OFFICES.		CHARGES.
Robert Burwell, D. D.	Raleigh,	N. C.	Oakland S. S.
George W. Ferrell	Tally Ho,	"	Infirm.
Archd' Currie	Curriesville,	"	S. S., Fayetteville, P.
T. U. Faucette	Milton,	"	Milton S. S., Red House, P.
J. M. Atkinson, D. D.	Raleigh,	"	Second Church, P.
P. H. Dalton	High Point,	"	High Point, P., Jamestown S. S., Speedwell S. S.
J. H. Smith, D. D.	Greensboro,	"	Greensboro First, P.
E. H. Harding, D. D.	Graham,	"	Graham, P.
F. H. Johnston, D. D.	Raleigh,	"	General Evangelist.
C. N. Morrow	Hawthorne,	Fla.	Invalid.
C. Phillips, D. D.	Chapel Hill,	N. C.	Prof. Emer., University of N. C.
L. C. Vass, D. D.	Newbern,	"	Newbern, P.
H. T. Darnall	Durham,	"	Durham, P.
C. Miller	Greensboro,	"	Alamance, P.; Springwood, P.; Burlington, P.
T. J. Allison	Elmwood,	"	In transitu.
J. L. Currie	Hillsboro,	"	Eno, Little River, Fairfield and New Hope, P.
S. M. Smith	Washington,	"	Washington, P.
J. S. Watkins, D. D.	Raleigh,	"	First Church, P.
D. I. Craig	Reidsville,	"	Reidsville and Oak Forest, P.
W. F. Thom	Ore Hill,	"	Chatham County, Evangelist.
J. N. H. Summerell	Tarboro,	"	Tarboro and Rocky Mount, P.
A. L. Crawford	Lexington,	"	Lexington S. S.
S. H. Isler	Goldsboro,	"	Without charge.
W. F. Wilhelm	Hillsboro,	"	Hillsboro and Chapel Hill, P.
S. H. Chester	Mebanes,	"	Hawfields and Cross-Roads, P.
Alexander Sprunt	Henderson,	"	Henderson, P.
R. B. Willis	Oxford,	"	Oxford and Geneva, P.
Carr Moore	Townsville,	"	Nutbush, Grassy Creek, Shiloh and Oak Hill, P.
E. W. Smith	Greensboro,	"	Westminster, P. Mount Airy S. S.
S. O. Hall	Madison,	"	Madison and Leaksville, P. Wentworth S. S.
R. P. Pell	Wilson,	"	Wilson, Nahalah, Evangelist.
W. R. Coppedge	Yanceyville,	"	Caswell County, Evangelist.
C. D. Price	Warrenton,	"	Warrenton, Littleton, Evang.
R. W. Culbertson	McLeansville,	"	Buffaloe and Bethel, P.
E. P. Davis	Winston,	"	Winston, P.
J. H. Lacy	Mebanes,	"	Mebanesville, P. Bethlehem S. S.
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LICENTIATES.			
B. B. Palmer (c)	Milton,	"	Teaching and preaching.
CANDIDATES.			
Wm. Hawthorne (c)	Warrenton,	"	Teaching.
J. E. Mebane	Hampden Sidney,	Va.	Student U. T. Seminary.
S. S. Oliver	Madison,	N. C.	
J. E. Thacker	Davidson College,	"	Student Davidson College.
C. W. Wharton	Davidson College,	"	Student Davidson College.
J. J. Harrell	Hampden Sidney,	Va.	Student U. T. Seminary.
—— Cheatham	Davidson College,	N. C.	Student Davidson College.
Rosser Brown	Greensboro,	"	
S. M. Rankin	Greensboro,	"	
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III. STATISTICAL REPORT—CHURCHES AND THEIR MEMBERSHIP, 1888.

CHURCHES.	Of'c'rs		Communicants.				Baptisms.			Sabbath Schools.	
	Elders.	Deacons.	Additions on Profession.	Additions on Certificate.	Whole Number.	Non-resident Members.	Adults.	Infants.	Baptized Non-communicants.	Teachers.	Scholars.
Alamance	8	7	22	12	263	29	8	12	104	8	120
Ashboro	2	1	1	----	22	11	1	----	2	----	----
Bethel	6	6	2	1	156	15	1	3	----	7	60
Bethlehem	4	5	1	----	81	15	4	1	29	4	40
Bethesda	2	1	----	----	21	6	----	----	----	----	----
Buffaloe	4	5	4	2	134	2	2	1	50	7	65
Burlington	2	3	1	3	57	10	1	2	26	5	30
Chapel Hill	3	2	3	----	41	1	----	----	----	4	29
Croatan	3	1	4	----	15	2	4	----	4	5	28
Cross Roads	6	7	22	2	160	10	10	3	20	6	50
Durham	5	4	4	19	135	15	2	4	----	13	107
Eno	4	4	2	1	67	4	----	----	----	----	----
Fairfield	3	2	----	----	30	----	----	----	----	5	40
Geneva	4	2	16	2	80	2	4	6	32	4	50
Graham	5	3	2	2	114	21	----	----	----	10	61
Greensboro, 1st	6	6	23	12	308	34	9	11	177	24	180
Grier's	2	1	3	2	20	1	----	5	----	3	40
Gulf	2	3	1	1	21	2	1	2	12	----	18
Hawfields	6	7	9	----	175	10	5	7	----	8	102
Haywood	1	2	----	----	17	----	1	----	----	----	25
Henderson	3	5	8	7	90	4	4	17	66	13	83
High Point	4	2	2	4	38	13	----	----	18	7	59
Hillsboro	2	1	7	2	56	4	1	----	----	7	45
Jamestown	2	1	----	----	20	----	----	----	----	6	54
Kernersville	2	1	----	----	11	3	----	1	4	----	15
Leaksville	2	2	5	----	38	3	3	1	10	8	66
Lexington	3	5	----	1	89	----	1	4	53	12	65
Little River	9	5	18	3	208	18	11	1	----	10	88
Littleton	1	----	2	----	19	4	----	----	12	----	----
Madison	4	4	5	----	102	11	2	2	20	9	36
Mebaneville	2	1	1	4	78	17	----	----	18	6	75
Milton	7	4	2	----	90	----	2	----	----	9	57
Mount Airy	3	1	4	8	31	3	1	3	10	6	30
Mount Vernon	4	3	2	----	33	1	2	2	13	7	88
Nahalah	2	4	----	----	41	4	----	----	----	8	74
New Bern	3	3	45	3	150	19	7	2	50	15	83
New Hope	7	3	3	----	96	7	----	1	----	10	54
Nutbush	5	1	----	1	49	1	----	2	22	----	----
Oak Forest	3	2	1	----	20	2	1	----	11	----	----
Oakland	3	----	3	2	26	1	----	3	8	----	30
Oxford	5	4	1	1	81	3	----	----	31	7	65
Pittsboro	3	2	----	----	29	5	----	----	7	----	----
Raleigh, 1st	10	8	49	20	303	43	6	8	175	24	204
Raleigh, 2d	2	2	6	1	44	4	1	4	----	8	42
Red House	4	4	4	----	42	----	3	1	18	6	32
Reidsville	5	7	6	12	137	16	2	6	33	16	130
Rocky Mount	2	1	2	2	30	6	1	5	19	5	30
Shiloh	1	2	1	----	25	11	----	----	25	----	----
Speedwell	1	----	----	----	17	----	----	----	----	----	----
Spring Wood	4	3	2	2	86	5	1	7	44	5	50
Stony Creek	4	4	6	----	77	----	3	1	15	7	72
Tarboro	4	2	1	3	45	7	----	2	36	7	42
Warrenton	2	----	1	----	18	5	----	----	16	----	11
Washington	4	8	2	6	195	25	----	15	143	22	180
Wentworth	4	2	----	----	49	10	----	----	12	5	35
Westminster	4	5	8	7	100	----	1	3	33	18	125
Wilson	1	1	4	1	27	4	3	----	12	8	46
Winston	6	4	1	17	164	16	----	4	89	20	149
Worthville	2	----	6	3	14	3	2	----	6	9	93
Yanceyville	1	----	5	----	23	2	2	----	----	----	----
Calah (no report)	2	1	----	----	12	----	----	----	----	----	----
Grassy Creek (no report)	1	1	----	----	17	----	----	----	----	----	----
LaGrange (no report)	3	----	----	----	13	----	----	----	----	----	----
Oak Hill (no report)	2	2	----	----	17	----	----	----	----	----	----
Louisburg (no session)	----	----	----	----	8	----	----	----	----	----	----
Horeb (no session)	----	----	----	----	6	----	----	----	----	----	----
Elkin (no session) 67	----	----	----	----	4	----	----	----	----	----	----
Totals	225	183	333	169	4,777	460	118	146	1,478	413	3281
Last year	229	183	339	132	4,561	334	149	139	1,389	396	3079
Increase	----	----	----	37	216	126	----	7	89	17	202
Decrease	4	----	6	----	----	----	31	----	----	----	----

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☞ Pastors and Sessions will please note carefully—as follows—in these minutes:

1. The report of the minutes of the General Assembly, and especially items 1, 2, 5, 9, 11, 15, 17 and 18.
2. The action in regard to Sabbath-schools, p. ---- ---- --
3. The action on Home Missions, p. ------ ---------- --
4. The action on Foreign Missions, p. ------ ------ --
5. The direction to Church Treasurers, p. - ---------- --
6. The table of apportionments appended.

MINUTES.

ROCKY MOUNT, N. C.,
FRIDAY, October 19, 1888.

The Presbytery of Orange met, according to adjournment, in the Presbyterian Church of this place, this day at 7:30 P. M. Rev. Cornelius Miller, moderator, preached a sermon on the text, "And He said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me"—Luke, 9 ch., 23 v., after which the Presbytery was constituted with prayer.

ROLL OF MEMBERS PRESENT.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*	*Churches.*
T. U. Faucette		
J. H. Smith, D. D.	Wm. S. Moore	Greensboro, 1st Ch.
F. H. Johnston, D. D. (2)		
L. C. Vass, D. D. (3)		
Cornelius Miller	J. D. Bason	Burlington.
Jas. L. Currie		
S. M. Smith, D. D.	C. M. Brown (2)	Washington.
J. S. Watkins, D. D.	A. M. McPheeters (2)	Raleigh, 1st Ch.
D. I. Craig		
J. N. H. Summerell	F. S. Royster (2)	Tarboro.
	J. J. White	Rocky Mount.
S. H. Isler		
Alex. Sprunt		
Carr Moore	R. A. Bullock	Nutbush.
S. O. Hall		
R. P. Pell	N. R. Strickland (2)	Wilson.
	M. T. Savage (2)	Nahalah.
W. R. Coppedge		
R. W. Culbertson	T. B. Donnell	Buffalo.
E. P. Davis	T. J. Brown	Winston.
	D. F. Morrow	Bethlehem.
	W. B. Crinkley	Warrenton.
	R. A. Patterson	Littleton.
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Ministers Absent (excused): P. H. Dalton, H. T. Darnall, W. F. Thom, C. N. Morrow.

Ministers Absent (unexcused): Arch. Currie, J. M. Atkinson, D. D., E. H. Harding, D. D., A. L. Crawford, W. F. Wilhelm, S. H. Chester, E. W. Smith, J. H. Lacy.

Fifty churches were not represented.

The Rev. W. R. Coppedge was elected Moderator, and Rev. D. I. Craig, with Ruling Elder R. A. Bullock, temporary clerks.

The hours for meeting were fixed as follows:

Morning Session—9 o'clock A. M. to 12:30 P. M.

Afternoon Session—2:30 P. M., continuing at pleasure.

Evening Session—7:30 P. M., continuing at pleasure.

Mr. Frederick D. Thomas, a member of the New Bern Church, was introduced to the Presbytery with a view to his coming under its care as a candidate for the gospel ministry. He was then examined on his experimental acquaintance with religion and his motives for seeking the ministry, and the examination having been sustained as satisfactory, he was received under the care of the Presbytery.

A motion that Mr. Thomas be paid by the Presbytery his expenses in attending this meeting was docketed.

Rev. Peter McIntyre, of the Wilmington Presbytery, being present, was introduced by the moderator and invited to sit as corresponding member.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY, October 20, 9 A. M.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer by C. Miller.

Rev. F. H. Johnson, D. D., appearing, he was excused for tardiness and enrolled. Also A. M. McPheeters, ruling elder from the First Church of Raleigh.

Letters from Rev. Messrs. W. F. Thom, H. T. Darnall and P. H. Dalton rendering satisfactory excuses for absence from this meeting, were heard.

Rev. J. S. Watkins, D. D., rendered satisfactory excuse for absence from the last meeting.

Rev. Richard B. Willis was, at his own request, dismissed to join the Presbytery of Arkansas.

The reading of the minutes of the last stated meeting was dispensed with.

The minutes of the following *pro re nata* meetings were read:

OXFORD, N. C., June 7, 1888.

The Presbytery met under the following call of the moderator, which was read:

"The constitutional provisions having been complied with, Orange Presbytery is hereby called to meet at Oxford, June 7th, 1888, at 8 P. M., to consider and act upon the request of Rev. R. B. Willis, to be released from the pastoral care of the Oxford and Geneva churches, and to be allowed to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery until the Fall meeting."

Also to take action upon the request of Rev. C. D. Price, to be dismissed to East Hanover Presbytery.

[Signed] C. MILLER,
Moderator.

Dated Greensboro', N. C., May 25th, 1888.

After a sermon by Rev. Carr Moore, the following members were found present, viz: Revs. R. B. Willis, C. Moore and Alexander Spunt, with Ruling Elders D. S. Osborne, Oxford; Walter Bullock, Nutbush; N. B. Daniel, Oak Hill, and W. T. Allen, Geneva.

Rev. Alexander Sprunt was chosen moderator *pro tem.* and Rev. C. Moore acted as clerk.

The Presbytery being ready for the business before it, Rev. R. B. Willis asked to be released from his pastoral charge of the Oxford and Geneva churches. These churches, having been heard from through their commissioners, the pastoral relation between them and Mr. Willis was, on motion, dissolved, and he was permitted to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery until the Fall meeting.

Rev. C. D. Price, Evangelist, was, at his own request, dismissed to join the Presbytery of East Hanover.

The Presbytery then adjourned with prayer and the benediction.

ALEXANDER SPRUNT,
Moderator.
CARR MOORE,
Clerk.

II.

HILLSBORO, N. C., July 24, 1888.

The Presbytery met under the following circular notice from the moderator, dated at Greensboro', N. C., July 14, 1888:

"The constitutional requirements having been met, Orange Presbytery is hereby called to meet at Hillsboro', N. C., at 3 o'clock P M., July 24, 1888, to consider and act on request of Rev. W. F. Wilhelm to be released from his pastoral charge, and on matters connected therewith"

[Signed] C. MILLER,
Moderator.

The Presbytery convened at 3 P. M., this day, there being present the following ministers: Rev. Drs. J. H. Smith and E. H. Harding; and Rev. Messrs. W. F. Wilhelm, Jas. L. Currie and J. H. Lacy. Ruling Elders present: F. P. Venable, Chapel Hill, and L. Lynch, Hillsboro'.

Dr. Smith was chosen moderator, who opened the meeting with prayer. Dr. Harding was made clerk.

Mr. Wilhelm asked to be released from a part only of his pastoral charge—namely, the church of Chapel Hill. The

commissioner present from that church having been heard, and the church concurring in the request of the pastor, the Presbytery, on motion, dissolved the relation and appointed Mr. Wilhelm to visit the church at Chapel Hill and declare it vacant.

The Presbytery directed its agent of Home Missions to give special attention to the supply of the Chapel Hill church.

The Presbytery then adjourned with prayer and benediction. [Signed] E. H. HARDING,

Clerk.

The following communications were presented:

1. Call from the Stony Creek church for the pastoral services of Rev. W. R. Coppedge. Referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies.

2. A paper from the Shiloh church in reference to its proportion of the pastor's time and service. Laid, for the present, on the table.

3. A request from the Mount Airy church for the continuance to it of the services of Rev. E. W. Smith, as stated supply, for another year. Referred to Committee on Calls and Supplies.

4. A request from the Chapel church to be permitted to memorialize the Synod of North Carolina on its own behalf. Referred to Committee on Calls and Supplies.

5. Report of the trustees of Davidson College. Referred to Special Committee, consisting of Rev. Dr. J. H Smith, Rev. E. P. Davis and Elder T. B. Donnell.

Rev. S. J. Isler obtained leave of absence after this morning's session.

Elder A. M. McPheeters was appointed Treasurer *pro tem.*

Rev. E. P Davis, Rev. C. Miller and Elder R. A. Patterson were appointed a Committee on Leave of Absence.

Rev. J. N. H. Summerell and Elder J. J. White were appointed the Committee on Devotional Exercises.

Revs Alexander Sprunt, J. L. Currie, R. W. Culbertson and Elders D. F. Morrow and W. B. Crinkley were announced as the Committee on Calls and Supplies, and Rev. Dr. S. M. Smith and Rev. C. Moore as the Committee on Installations.

Ruling Elders M. T. Savage, Nahalah; F. S. Royster, Tarboro', and N. R. Strickland, Wilson, were enrolled, after hearing their excuses for tardiness.

Simon G. Walker, a colored man, was introduced by the Rev. C. Miller, as desiring to be taken under the care of Presbytery, with a view to entering the Gospel Ministry.

He was then examined on experimental religion and his reasons for seeking the ministry, and the examination was sustained throughout as satisfactory.

On motion, the question of receiving him under the care of the Presbytery was made a special order of the day this afternoon after the Sabbath-school convention.

The standing order for devotional exercises was then observed, after which the report of the Committee on the Sabbath-school Convention was heard; whereupon, after reception of the report and approval of the order of exercises recommended therein, the Presbytery took recess until after the adjournment of the convention.

After the rising of the Convention the Presbytery convened, and immediately took recess to meet at 2:30 o'clock.

After recess the Presbytery was called to order, when, on motion, a conference on Foreign Missions, in connection with the report of the Presbyterial Agent on that subject, was ordered for Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

A call from the Yanceyville church for the pastoral services of the Rev. W. R. Coppedge was read and referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies.

Ordered that 11 o'clock A. M., Monday, be the hour for

hearing the reports of the Agent of Home Missions and Evangelists.

Reports from the Missionary Supplies ordered at the last meeting were heard, as follows:

Dr J. H. Smith, duty performed at Mount Airy, but not at Warrenton, for good reasons.

Messrs. Sprunt, S. M. Smith and Miller, duty performed; Rev. D. I. Craig, duty not performed, for satisfactory reasons. No reports from Messrs. Willis, E. W. Smith, Chester, Wilhelm and Darnall, who were absent.

A letter was read from Rev. C. N. Morrow, giving satisfactory reasons for absence from this meeting.

The call for the pastoral services of Rev. J. H. Lacy from the Bethlehem church, placed upon the docket last May, was, on motion, taken from the docket and considered and ordered to be placed in Mr. Lacy's hands, on assurances given by the representative of that church, in behalf of the church, that the arrears of salary due the former pastor (Rev. T. J. Allison) would all be paid in reasonable time; allowed.

In connection with this matter the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to visit Bethlehem church for the purpose of settling the trouble between said church and Rev. T. J. Allison, with regard to arrears of salary. Said committee to meet before Mr. Lacy's installation and to invite Mr. Allison to be present.

The committee appointed consists of Rev. Messrs. Darnall and Chester, and Elder C. W. Johnston, of New Hope church.

Rev. W. F. Wilhelm was afterwards added to this committee, which is also to install Mr. Lacy at Bethlehem.

C. M. Brown, of Washington church, was enrolled, after assigning good reasons for tardiness.

The order concerning the case of Simon G. Walker was then taken up, and permission was given the candidate to

make a statement in his own behalf; when, on motion, he was received under the care of the Presbytery as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry.

A report was received from the Committee on Devotional Exercises.

On motion, a Judicial Committee, consisting of Rev. Dr. S. M. Smith, Rev. T. U. Faucette and Elder A. M. McPheeters, was appointed to report upon a complaint against the session of the Mount Vernon church by Mrs. M. C. Lane, a suspended member of that church.

The report of the Agent of Publication, Rev. H. T. Darnall, was read, received and approved. The report shows that the churches contributed $273 16 to this cause, an increase of $32 72 over the amount raised last year. Seventeen churches, with an aggregate membership of 565, were reported as having contributed nothing.

Dr. J. H. Smith and Rev. D. I. Craig reported attendance on the last General Assembly as Commissioners and their diligence therein commended.

Rev. Dr. Johnston, Chairman of Standing Committee on Assessments, made a report of assessments and apportionments on the churches for the ensuing year, which was received and adopted, after amendment.

(See "Table of Apportionments," an appendix to the minutes.)

Recess was then taken until 7:30 o'clock.

After recess the Presbytery was called to order.

T. J. Brown, Elder from Winston church, was enrolled, after being excused for late attendance.

The Committee to verify the Copied Records reported progress in their work. The report was received and the Committee continued.

The following-named committee was appointed to bring in a report on the Minutes of the General Assembly, viz: Rev. Messrs. Miller and Faucette and Elder A. M. McPheeters.

Rev. T. J. Kendall, of the Methodist Episcopal Church (South) was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Rev. J. L. Currie reported the Chapel Hill church to be declared vacant.

The term of Colonel Thomas M. Holt, trustee of Davidsyn College, having expired with this meeting, he was, on motion, re-elected for another term of five years.

Reidsville was chosen as the place for the next stated meeting, and Rev. D. I. Craig was appointed to report a suitable time for the same.

The motion to pay Mr. F. D. Thomas, candidate, his expenses to this meeting, was taken from the docket; when, by general consent, the amount necessary was raised among the members present.

Adjourned to meet Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

Closed with prayer by Dr. S. M. Smith.

THIRD DAY.

MONDAY, October 22.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by the moderator.

The minutes of Saturday were read, amended and approved.

A call from Grier's church for the pastoral services of Rev. W. R. Coppedge was read and referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies.

A petition, signed by sundry persons in Guilford county, praying to be organized into a church, was read, and, on motion, referred to a special committee, to report to this meeting, viz: Rev. C. Miller, Rev. Dr. Watkins and Elder C. M. Brown.

It was Ordered, That when this Presbytery adjourns, it

adjourn to meet in Goldsboro' during the session of Synod, at the call of the moderator.

The Stated Clerk was permitted to present a certified copy of the printed minutes of the Presbytery to the Synod for review instead of a written record.

Rev. W. R. Coppedge was permitted to employ the aid of Evangelist C. M. Howard in protracted meetings in his field of labor.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly made a report, which was received and the recommendations adopted, as follows:

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly would respectfully report that they have examined the minutes, and would call the attention of the Presbytery to the following matters, viz:

1. Ministers are urged to preach on the subject of ministerial education on the first Sabbath of November, or as soon thereafter as possible.

2. The Church Treasurers are urged to forward collections as soon as possible after they are made.

3. The Secretary of Education is authorized to call for free-will offerings to that cause in April.

4. Ministers are urged to bring the cause of Education to the attention of Sabbath-schools and Ladies' Societies.

5. Ministers are reminded that the *fourth* Wednesday of January is the day of prayer for youths in Colleges and Seminaries, and are exhorted to a careful and faithful observance of the day.

Presbyteries should obtain quarterly reports from Faculties of Institutions in which their students are pursuing their studies as to their conduct and proficiency.

7. They should give candidates for the Ministry to understand that, should they give up their studies for the Ministry, they are under moral obligations to refund money received.

We call attention—

8. To the fact that the Publication work is in good condition, the debt is extinguished, and the collections of the churches go to Missionary Work, to needy Sunday-schools and the Colportage Work in the Synods.

9. To the resolutions of the Assembly in regard to raising money for church purposes by concerts, suppers, etc., in which they condemn this. —Minutes, page 402.

10. To the deliverance on Evolution.—Minutes, page 408.

11. To the fact that the *first* Sunday in February is set apart as a day to make collections for Church Erection, and that Presbyteries are directed to apportion among their churches the amounts expected of them for Sustentation and Evangelistic Work.

12. To the action of the Assembly in reference to Tuskaloosa Institute. --Minutes, pages 411, 434, 454.

13. To the action of the Assembly in regard to Organic Union.—Minutes, pages 421, 422.

14. To the action of the Assembly on the overture of Orange Presbytery.—Minutes, page 425.

15. To the points in the Narrative as to Home Instruction and Family Worship.—Minutes, pages 439, 440.

16. To the request of the Assembly as to prayer for the Assembly.—Minutes, page 466.

17. To the action of the Assembly appointing the first Sabbath of June as *Children's Day*. Also in reference to the "Missionary"—Men's Missionary Associations and Monthly Concert of Prayer.—Minutes, page 430, 431.

18. To the various recommendations of the Assembly in regard to Sabbath-schools, and we recommend that they be sent down to the churches for their information.—Minutes, pages 418, 419.

Respectfully submitted,

C. MILLER,
Chairman.

On motion, the Standing Rule ordering the Treasurer to supply copies of the minutes of the General Assembly to the members of the Presbytery each year, was suspended.

The committee on the report of the Trustees of Davidson College made the following report, which was received and adopted, and the editor of the "North Carolina Presbyterian" requested to publish it in full at as early a date as practicable:

The Presbytery of Orange expresses its abiding and increasing interest in the condition and prosperity of Davidson College. This college was establishe l for the purpose of promoting the cause of education and Presbyterian training, and for fifty years and more it has been doing this work, and the Church and the State have reaped the inestimable instruction there imparted. Its influence is seen and felt in our pulpits and our families. The Presbytery of Orange, while deeply re-

gretting the continued ill health of Rev. Dr. McKinnon, which forced him to resign the presidency, would express their very great satisfaction and hearty concurrence in the election of Dr. J. B. Shearer, of Clarkesville, Tenn., once a beloved member of this Presbytery, and for the past fifteen or twenty years at the head of the Clarkesville College, and known and honored as one of the first educators and one of the most energetic and popular and successful presidents. We welcome his return to North Carolina, and pledge our co-operation to widen the influence and extend the patronage of Davidson College.

This college, at the present time especially, calls for and deserves the personal influence and co-operation of all the members of this Presbytery. There has never been a time within the present generation when our church and our State needed more the elevating and conservative influences of such education and religious training as Davidson College imparts. There has never been a time when its chairs, from the President down, have been better filled with thorough scholars, who are competent and experienced teachers and active, devout Christian gentlemen. We rejoice to know that the present Freshman class consists of from 35 to 40 new students—twice, if not three times, the number of last year. This college offers peculiar advantages—not surpassed, we believe, in any college in our Southern land; and when we take into consideration its pre-eminent facilities for Bible Study, for mental and religious improvement, for the protection of young men against evil influences, the healthfulness of the location, its easy accessibility by railroads, its past history, its present condition, and preparation and readiness for thorough work—that it gives free tuition to all ministers' sons; to all young men preparing for the ministry; that this Presbytery has had, for several successive years, from three to five of its candidates receiving free tuition; that we have, as a Presbytery, accepted a share in its oversight, and elect from our bounds trustees to aid in its management; that two or more of its professors have come from our own families, we feel and recognize our obligations to pray for this college and its professors and students; to aid in making it more widely known; in extending its patronage, and in sending to it our boys and young men, above and beyond any school or college in the bounds of our State. The cause of Education and Presbyterian training commends Davidson College especially to every Presbyterian heart. It should be sustained by all our people. Let us send them our boys and give them—as they ask and deserve—our prayers and money to help this college on to higher and wider influences.

J. Henry Smith,
Chairman.

The following paper was offered and adopted:

The Presbytery of Orange, in view of the fact that we have an in-

creasing number of candidates for the ministry (at present eleven); that most of these are receiving aid from the funds of the Committee of Education, and to an extent much more than this Presbytery contributes to this cause, thus making us an old and large Presbytery, to be actually pensioners upon the bounty of others ; in view, further, of the loud call that the needs of this cause make in the present increasing number of candidates all over our church, the Presbytery enjoins and urges all our ministers and churches to give this cause a more prominent place in their thoughts and prayers ; to make special efforts to increase their contributions, and not to neglect giving the congregations information on this subject and opportunity to contribute to the same.

The hour for the consideration of Home Missions having arrived, Rev. Alexander Sprunt, Agent, made his report, which was received.

He was followed by the Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D., General Evangelist, and by Rev. Messrs. Pell and Coppedge, Evangelist, who each made a report of his labors, which was received.

Rev. J. H. N. Summerell obtained leave of absence from the sessions of Presbytery after 4 o'clock to-day.

Recess was taken until 2:30 o'clock.

After recess—

The committee to recommend a suitable time for the next stated meeting of the Presbytery reported recommending Wednesday before the third Sabbath in April next (17th inst), at 11 o'clock A. M , as the time. The report was adopted.

The Judicial Committee, to whom was referred the complaint of Mrs. M. C. Lane, reported recommending that a commission be appointed to visit the church and investigate and, as far as possible, adjust the difficulty The report was adopted.

The commission was named and appointed as follows:

Rev Dr. Harding, Rev. Messrs. C. Miller and E. W. Smith, and Elder J. Womack, of Pittsboro', and J. M. McIver, of Gulf.

The following resolutions were offered and adopted:

Resolved, 1. That the Session of each church in Orange Presbytery be urged to establish, if practicable, one or more Mission Sabbath-schools, either within or without the bounds of the congregation.

2. That the Presbyterial Sabbath-school Convention be hereby discontinued, and that the Sabbath-school work of Orange Presbytery be made the special order for the second day, at 11 A. M., during the Fall meeting.

3. That the agent of Sabbath-schools be directed to prepare a programme of work for the consideration of the Presbytery.

The committee appointed at the last meeting to prepare and report a memorial to the Synod on the subject of Home Mission Work in this Presbytery, presented their report, which was read, received, adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the Synod.

(See Appendix "A.")

Rev. L. C. Vass, D. D., appeared in Presbytery and was enrolled, after being excused for late attendance.

The Committee on Calls and Supplies made a partial report, as follows, which was received and reported *seriatim:*

1. That the request of the Chapel Hill church to be allowed to memorialize the Synod be granted.

2. That the call from Stony Creek church to Mr. Coppedge be retained for the present.

3. That the call from Yanceyville church to Mr. Coppedge be retained until the adjourned meeting at Goldsboro'.

4. That the call from Grier's church to Mr. Coppedge be not placed in his hands, and that Mr. Coppedge be recommended to give the fifth Sabbaths in addition to the time now given to this church

5. That the request of the Mount Airy church for the services of the Rev. E. W. Smith as supply, for another year, be granted

6. In view of the necessities of the whole field of Rev. Carr Moore, Presbtery recommends that he decline the (amended) call from Grassy Creek church, placed in his hands at the last meeting; but suggests to the congregation of Grassy Creek church the expediency of moving their house of worship from the present site to Stovall.

The following resolution appended to the report of the Agent of Home Missions was adopted:

Resolved, Inasmuch as the last General Assembly appointed another object of Christian Benevolence to be presented to our churches every

year for an annual collection, and this cause is that of Church Erection, and the *first* Sabbath in February (the day appointed by this Presbytery for a collection in our churches for Home Mission Work in the bounds of our own Presbytery); that, therefore, we, as a Presbytery, again co-operate with the General Assembly's Committee on Home Missions in prosecuting our Home Mission Work, and that we will take up the usual annual collection for Home Missions, on the first Sabbath in January, and a collection for the cause of Church Erection, on the first Sabbath in February, sending these collections to the central treasury, and receiving therefrom appropriations to our work of Home Missions and Church Erection according to the plan pursued by the Executive Committee of Home Missions.

The report of the Agent was then adopted as a whole.

Ordered, That the report on Foreign Missions be heard to-night.

Recess was then taken until 7:30 o'clock.

After recess—

Presbytery held brief devotional exercises, when the Agent for Foreign Missions, Rev. J. L. Currie, read his report.

The report was received, and the following recommendations added to it were adopted:

Orange Presbytery, with profound gratitude to the great Head of the Church for the blessings which attended our missionary efforts last year, and for the wide doors of usefulness which have been opened to our missionary efforts in foreign lands,—

Reso'ves, 1st, That this Presbytery does, as heretofore, heartily commend the cause of Foreign Missions to all the churches under its charge, and urges upon them to support this cause with more ardent devotion and with increased liberality.

Resolves, 2d, That the Pastors, Stated Supplies and Evangelists of this Presbytery be directed to present the recommendations 3d, 4th, 5th, 9th and 10th of the General Assembly (page 430, Minutes of Assembly, 1888), with reference to Foreign Missions to the churches under their charge; and that they urge and encourage the adoption and carrying out these recommendations by the churches.

Resolves, 3d, That every Session within our bounds be instructed to aid in forming, if practicable, and to encourage a Ladies' Missionary Society in its church; and that each Session make effort, and if possible

secure, the services of one or more active, zealous Christian women of the church to solicit subscriptions to the "Missionary."

Rev. W. P. North, of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, was invited to sit as a corresponding member and introduced to the Presbytery.

The committee appointed to consider and report on the petition of certain persons in Guilford county to be organized into a church, presented their report, pending the consideration of which the Presbytery adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

Closed with prayer by Rev. Dr. Vass.

FOURTH DAY.

TUESDAY MORNING, October 23.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by Rev. S. O. Hall.

The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

The unfinished business—petition for a church organizasion in Guilford—was resumed; when, after recommitment and subsequent amendment, the committee's report was adopted, as follows:

That a committee be appointed, consisting of Rev. D. I. Craig, Rev. D. W. Smith, Rev. C. Miller, Elders W. S. Mooie and J. C. Wharton, to effect said organization, if the way be clear, on Tuesday, the 27th November, at 11 A. M., or such time as the committee may determine, and that the persons expecting to go into the organization be notified to have their certificates ready.

The following Missionary Supplies were ordered, as recommended by the Agent of Home Missions:

To the Chatham field, Rev. Messrs. Miller, Culbertson and E. W. Smith.
To the Caswell field, ---------- Rev. Messrs. Chester and Craig.
To the Neuse River field, ---------- L. C. Vass, D. D.

To Randolph field, ---Drs. Harding and J. H. Smith, Rev. E. W. Smith.
To Elizabeth City, ---------- Dr. S. M. Smith.
To Kernersville, ---------- Rev. E. P. Davis.
To Littleton, ---------- Dr. Atkinson, Rev. Carr Moore.

Recess was then taken until after public worship.

After recess—

The customary vote of thanks was unanimously tendered to the Rocky Mount congregation, and to others, for their generous hospitality and courtesies to the members of the Presbytery.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Goldsboro' at the call of the moderator.

Closed with singing of the 298th hymn, prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

[Signed] D. I. CRAIG,
R. A. BULLOCK,
Temporary Clerks.

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING IN GOLDSBORO.

GOLDSBORO, N. C., October 25, 1888.

The Presbytery met on call of the moderator, in the Presbyterian church, during a recess of the Synod.

Opened with prayer by the moderator, Rev. W. R. Coppedge.

There were present nearly all the ministers and several of the elders, who were present as members at Rocky Mount.

Rev. J. Horace Lacy signified his acceptance of the call from the Bethlehem church; whereupon, the Committee on Installations, Dr. S. M. Smith, chairman, was directed to arrange for Mr. Lacy's installation.

Rev. J. N. H. Summerell tendered his resignation of the pastoral charge at Rocky Mount; whereupon, the Presbytery, learning that the church had, in a meeting called for the purpose, declined to unite with him in asking a dissolution of the pastoral relation; yet, in view of all the circumstances and necessities of the field at large, dissolved the relation, to take effect whenever the proposed changes shall go into effect, which are contemplated in the Wilson-Nahala Field.

Presbytery adjourned to meet again at call of the moderator. Closed with prayer.

GOLDSBORO, October 26.

Presbytery met at the call of the moderator, during a recess of the Synod. Opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Johnston, moderator *pro tem*

The call from Yanceyville church for services of W. R. Coppedge was still retained in the hands of Presbytery.

The Committee on Installations reported recommending that Mr. Lacy be installed at Bethlehem church on the second Sabbath in December. Rev. Messrs. Darnall and Wilhelm to be the committee.

The following resolution was offered:

That Presbytery will hold an adjourned meeting, in the First Church of Greensboro', on Thursday, the 15th of November, at 11 o'clock A. M.

The following was also adopted:

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to write to the Session of each church to enjoin the Treasurer to forward to the Treasurer of Presbytery all moneys that properly go into his hands as soon as collected.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Greensboro' on the 15th of November at 11 A. M.

Attest: F H. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

"A."

MEMORIAL TO THE SYNOD.

The Presbytery of Orange respectfully memoralizes the Synod to take into consideration the subjoined statement of the extent and present need of the evangelistic field within the bounds of the Presbytery, and to take such action as its wisdom may suggest for the assistance and relief of the Presbytery in the prosecution of this great work :

1. The Presbytery of Orange, the oldest existing Presbytery south of the Potomac, and mother of all the Presbyteries which now compose this Synod, is, in *territorial extent*, nearly as large as all the others combined. It embraces about one-half of the population of the State—not far from 700,000 souls—432,000, or nearly two-thirds, being white. There are forty-four (44) counties and parts of counties in the Presbytery, in twenty (20) of which there is not single organized church of our faith or order. With three (3) exceptions, these counties are massed together in the eastern part of the Presbytery, between the Atlantic Coast Line Railway and the Ocean. The Presbytery thus presents to view a territory about evenly divided by the railway mentioned, one-half of which, as to Presbyterianism, is missionary ground; and this ground, unoccupied by our Church, is nearly, if not quite, two-thirds of the entire missionary field in the bounds of this Synod—that is to say, Orange Presbytery has twice as large an evangelistic field for her share of labor as the other four (4) Presbyteries together have. This disproportion in the extent of their respective fields of home mission labor and enterprise is felt, justly, as we believe, to be a burden far beyond her strength by the mother Presbytery; and the Synod, the only court which has, according to the Constitution of the Church, authority to determine the metes and bounds of the Presbyteries within her borders, is respectfully asked to consider this matter, and, if it be possible, to equalize the shares of the Presbyteries respectively in the work of Home Evangelization.

2. The Presbytery is moved at this time specially to present this appeal to the Synod for the reason it has for believing its large unoccupied field to be one which invites a far more extensive planting of our church than it is possible for the Presbytery to accomplish with the resources at its command. Recent special exploration of the Eastern District of the Presbytery has shown open doors which should be entered at once, and would be if it were within the power of the Presbytery. It has done something in this region in the last fifteen years. Half a dozen churches

have been organized at promising points, one of which is already self-supporting, and two or three new fields of hopeful labor are at this moment being entered in counties which, until lately, had not heard the voice of a Presbyterian preacher. But other fields also remain to be occupied, and wlll remain thus because of the sheer inability of the Presbytery to occupy. It has reached apparently the limit of its strength in keeping, as it does now, four or five evangelists in the field, and yet four or five more are sorely needed if the Presbytery is to keep apace with the widening area of labor.

The Presbytery therefore earnestly desires that the Synod give this subject the consideration to which it seems to be entitled, and, in its wisdom, suggest or initiate some mode of procedure which may relieve the Presbytery in its present emergency. Whether it shall be by a re-adjustment of the boundaries which define the existing Presbyteries, or by the erection of a new Presbytery, or by a scheme of Synodical labor, or by a consensus of the Presbyteries by which a practical co-operation may be secured in the work; whether by any one or by all these, or by any other feasible method, the Presbytery does not venture to say; but it does desire and it hopes that some way may be found for removing the disproportionate, unequal burdens of the Presbyteries, and so for the more effective prosecution of the great work of State Evangelization.

Table of Apportionments and Assessments, 1888–1889.

CHURCHES.	Foreign Missions. (May).	Home Missions. (January).	Evangelistic. (September).	Education. (November).	Presbyterial Fund. (Due April 1).
Alamance	$50	$27	$27	$15	$12
Ashboro	13	5	5	3	2
Bethel	38	27	27	15	12
Bethesda	10	4	4	2	4
Bethlehem	18	15	15	5	5
Buffalo	45	27	27	15	12
Burlington	16	5	5	4	3
Calan	2	1	1	1	1
Chapel Hill	38	10	10	5	8
Croatow	4	2	2	1	1
Cross Roads	45	27	27	15	15
Durham	45	27	27	15	15
Eno	12	6	6	3	5
Fairfield	6	4	4	2	2
Geneva	18	9	9	5	7
Graham	170	65	65	40	25
Grassy Creek	2	1	1	1	1
Greensboro', 1st	300	95	95	55	35
Griers	10	4	4	5	2
Gulf	8	4	4	2	2
Hawfields	45	27	27	15	15
Haywood	5	3	3	1	3
Henderson	75	30	30	20	15
High Point	15	8	8	5	5
Hillsboro'	35	10	10	5	6
Jamestown	7	5	5	3	2
Kernersville	2	1	1	1	1
La Grange	3	1	1	1	1
Leaksville	20	9	9	6	5
Lexington	25	12	12	8	15
Little River	20	15	15	8	10
Littleton	7	3	3	2	2
Madison	37	15	15	10	8
Mebaneville	60	25	25	20	15
Milton	50	22	22	15	12
Mount Airy	3	1	1	1	2
Mount Vernon	10	5	5	3	2
Nahalah	6	4	4	2	2
New Bern	150	55	55	40	25
New Hope	15	7	7	5	8
Nutbush	18	10	10	5	6
Oak Forest	10	3	3	2	3
Oak Hill	7	5	5	3	3
Oakland	6	3	3	3	2

Apportionments and Assessments—Continued.

CHURCHES.	Foreign Missions. (May).	Home Missions. (January).	Evangelistic. (September).	Education. (November).	Presbyterial Fund. (Due April 1).
Oxford	$50	$20	$20	$15	$12
Pittsboro'	10	7	7	4	4
Raleigh—1st Church	325	110	110	55	40
Raleigh—2d Church	15	3	3	2	3
Red House	15	7	7	5	5
Reidsville	38	17	17	15	15
Rocky Mount	12	6	6	3	3
Shiloh	9	4	4	2	4
Speedwell	2	1	1	1	1
Spring Wood	15	10	10	5	5
Stony Creek	18	8	8	5	4
Tarboro'	40	15	15	10	10
Warrenton	8	8	3	2	2
Washington	130	50	50	35	20
Wentworth	18	7	7	3	4
Westminster	75	20	20	15	10
Wilson	6	2	2	2	2
Winston	275	65	65	40	25
Worthville	5	2	2	2	2
Yanceyville	7	4	4	2	2
Totals	$2,554	$1,005	$1,005	$612	$511
Whole amount asked for	$2,500	$1,000	$1,000	$600	$505

The attention of Church Sessions and of their Treasurer is called to Standing Rule No. 13, viz: "Every church shall report and transmit *promptly* to the Treasurer of Presbytery all moneys collected for the benevolent causes of the church, as ordered by the General Assembly." See also resolution adopted in 237th Session at Rocky Mount, in which church treasurers are "enjoined to forward to the Treasurer of Presbytery all moneys that properly go into his hands as soon as collected." Mr. Wm. S. Primrose, Raleigh, N. C., is the Treasurer of Orange Presbytery.

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MINUTES

OF THE

TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY-EIGHTH SESSION

OF THE

PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE,

HELD AT

REIDSVILLE, N. C., APRIL 17—20, 1889.

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MINUTES.

REIDSVILLE, N. C., WEDNESDAY, April 17, 1889.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment this day at 11 o'clock A. M., in the Presbyterian Church. Rev. W. R. Coppedge, Moderator, preached a sermon from Hebrews, 11th chapter and 14th verse, viz.: "Follow . . . . . holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord"; after which the Presbytery was constituted with prayer.

The following ministers and elders were then enrolled:

ROLL OF MEMBERS.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES REPRESENTED.
T. U. Faucette,	R. L. Walker (3),	Milton.
J. M. Atkinson, D. D.,	T. W. Hawkins,	Littleton.
P. H. Dalton,	J. L. Haynes,	Speedwell.
J. H. Smith, D. D.,	S. C. Smith,	Greensboro, 1st.
E. H. Harding, D. D.		
F. H. Johnston, D. D.		
L. C. Vass, D. D.		
H. T. Darnall		
C. Miller (2),	W. A. Sharp (2),	Alamance.
	J. M. Wharton (2),	Jamestown.
J. L. Currie		
S. M. Smith, D. D. (2)		
J. S. Watkins, D. D.,	J. B. Burwell (2),	Raleigh, 1st.
D. I. Craig,	James Irvin,	Reidsville.
	J. W. Milner,	Oak Forest.
W. F. Thom (2),	C. E. Houston (2),	Mount Vernon.
	J. A. Womack,	Pittsboro.
	J. M. McIver (2),	Gulf.
J. N. H. Summerell (2)		
S. H. Isler		
W. F. Wilhelm,	W. P. Jordan,	Little River.
	Duncan Brown,	Fairfield.
S. H. Chester		
Alex. Sprunt		

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES REPRESENTED.
E. W. Smith,	Charles Lewis,	Westminster.
S. O. Hall,	W. T. Chambers,	Madison.
----------	N. S. Smith (2),	Leaksville.
----------	Jesse Carter,	Wentworth.
R. P. Pell (2)	----------	----------
W. R. Coppedge,	R. B. Watt,	Yanceyville.
----------	T. C. Neal,	Bethesda.
R. W. Culbertson,	G. A. Denny,	Buffalo.
----------	J. A. McLean,	Bethel.
----------	W. P. McLean,	Midway.
E. P. Davis (4),	Stephen Neal,	Winston.
J. H. Lacy	----------	----------
G. A. Hough,	R. F. Boyd,	Worthville.
----------	S. D. Blackwood,	New Hope.
—27.	—26.	

Forty churches were not represented.

Ministers Absent and Excused—G. W. Ferrell, A. Currie, C. Phillips, D. D., C. N. Morrow, A. L. Crawford and Carr Moore —6.

Absent—R. Burwell, D. D.

The Rev. Samuel O. Hall was chosen Moderator and Rev. H. T. Darnall, with Ruling Elder J. A. Womack, were chosen temporary clerks.

Rev. Messrs. Wright, of the Baptist Church, and McCullen, of the Methodist Church, were invited to seats as visiting brethren and introduced to the Presbytery.

The Rev. W. P. McCorkle, of the Mecklenburg Presbytery, was invited to sit as a corresponding member and introduced by the Moderator.

It was ordered that the hours of daily meeting be from 9 A. M. until 12:30 P. M., Presbytery convening again at 3 P. M. and adjourning at will.

It was made the first order of the day this afternoon to hear the Treasurer's report.

Recess was then taken until 3 P. M.

After recess the Presbytery met, when the committee appointed to organize a church in Guilford county reported the organization of the Midway Church.

The report was received and adopted and the church enrolled, and the representative of the church, Ruling Elder W. P. McLean, took his seat as a member of Presbytery.

The Treasurer of Presbytery, Mr. William S. Primrose, then made his report, which was received and referred to the Auditing Committee. (See below). Mr. Primrose also tendered his resignation as Treasurer. Referred on motion to a special committee consisting of Rev. Alex. Sprunt, F. H. Johnston, D. D., J. H. Smith, D. D., and Ruling Elders T. W. Hawkins and D. Brown—Dr. Johnston, Chairman—to report before adjournment to-day.

The reading of the minutes of the last stated meeting was dispensed with. The minutes of the intermediate meetings, however, were read as follows:

MINUTES OF INTERMEDIATE MEETINGS.

GREENSBORO, N. C., November 15, 1888.

The Presbytery of Orange met according to adjournment (see printed minutes 237th session, page 20) and was called to order at 11 o'clock A. M. this day by the Rev. C. Miller, last Moderator present. Constituted with prayer.

PRESENT: *Ministers*—J. H. Smith, D. D., E. H. Harding, D. D., Alex. Sprunt, C. Miller, P. H. Dalton and D. I. Craig.

Ruling Elders—Allen H. Scott, Alamance Church; William S. Moore, Greensboro, 1st Church; William M. Wiley, Jamestown Church; D. D. Gillespie, Westminster Church; T. B. Donnell, Buffalo Church; T. C. Ford, Lexington Church; S. C. Lindsay, High Point Church; G. W. Wharton, Bethel Church.

Rev. D. I. Craig was appointed temporary clerk.

The object of this meeting being to consider certain proposed new groupings of churches in Guilford and adjoining counties, the matter was discussed and all the parties concerned were heard at full length. The following action was then taken by the Presbytery, viz.:

"*Resolved*, That it is the sense of Presbytery that the pastoral relation existing between Rev. P. H. Dalton and the High Point Church be dissolved, and that the churches of High Point and Lexington be grouped together in one pastoral charge, with the hope that they may soon agree upon a pastor who will be acceptable to both.

"*Resolved*, That the pastoral relation existing between Rev. C. Miller and the churches of Spring Wood and Burlington be dissolved, and that

the churches of Alamance and Jamestown be united in one pastoral charge, with Rev. C. Miller as pastor, giving three-fourths of his time to Alamance and one-fourth to Jamestown.

"*Resolved further*, That Burlington, Spring Wood and Stony Creek Churches be grouped together in another charge.

"*Resolved*, That the time when these groupings take place be the first of January, 1889, or as soon thereafter as possible."

Recess was taken until 3 P. M.

After recess the Presbytery was called to order.

Rev. Messrs. Thom and Culbertson appeared and were enrolled.

A petition from the Reidsville congregation was read asking that their call to Mr. Craig as pastor be changed so as to include the whole of his time instead of three-fourths as at present, the salary to be $725 and parsonage.

On motion, Presbytery ordered an adjourned meeting to be held in First Presbyterian Church of Raleigh on the 2d Tuesday in December, at 9:30 A. M.

Rev. D. I. Craig having asked leave to resign the pastoral care of the Oak Forest Church, this matter, together with the petition of the Reidsville Church, were laid over for consideration at the adjourned meeting in Raleigh.

It was ordered that the Oak Forest congregation be cited to appear by their commissioners at the same meeting and show cause why the pastoral relation existing between said congregation and the Rev. D. I. Craig should not be dissolved.

The minutes were then read and approved, when the Presbytery adjourned to meet in Raleigh on the second Tuesday in December at 9:30 A. M.

Closed with prayer by Rev. Alex. Sprunt.

(Signed) D. I. CRAIG,
Temporary Clerk.

RALEIGH, N. C., TUESDAY, Dec. 11, 1888, 9:30 A. M.

The Presbytery of Orange met according to adjournment this day in the Lecture Room of the First Presbyterian Church.

PRESENT: *Ministers*—Robert Burwell, D. D., J. M. Atkinson, D. D., E. H. Harding, D. D., F. H. Johnston, D. D., J. S. Watkins, D. D., and Alex. Sprunt.

Ruling Elder—W. S. Primrose, of First Church, Raleigh.

On motion, Rev. Alex. Sprunt was chosen Moderator *pro tem.* and the Presbytery was constituted with prayer by Rev. Dr. Burwell.

W. S. Primrose was chosen Clerk *pro tem.*

Mr. Charles H. Scott, a member of the Second Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, presented himself before the Presbytery as a candidate for licensure. Mr. Scott, being well known to the members of Presbytery, and

having been once previously licensed to preach the gospel, was requested to state fully the circumstances attending his case and the reasons which now lead him to apply for a re-licensure.

The following is a summary of Mr. Scott's statement, viz. : That he had been licensed after a full course in Union Theological Seminary in Virginia by the Presbytery of East Hanover ; that soon afterwards he was allowed to surrender his license for reasons which at the time seemed important to himself and which were acknowledged by the Presbytery ; that certain perplexities of mind touching certain doctrinal statements in the Confession of Faith of our Church remained with him to the present time, which he would now like to be fully understood and passed upon, inasmuch as he felt it was his duty to preach the gospel.

An examination of Mr. Scott upon his literary course and scholastic proficiency was waived by common consent as unnecessary, and the Presbytery requested Mr. Scott to state fully his difficulties and perplexities in relation to our doctrinal standards, which Mr. Scott proceeded to do at some length. After a particular, careful and full examination of the candidate in theology he was requested to retire, when the Presbytery heard the opinion of every member present on the merits of this case and on the question of licensure. It was then moved and seconded that Mr. Scott be licensed to preach the gospel under the care of this Presbytery. This motion was adopted, six members voting aye and one *non-liquet.*

Presbytery took recess until 3 P. M.

After recess Presbytery came to order, all the members being present that were present at the morning session.

Mr. Scott being present the Moderator proceeded to put the constitutional questions to him, as required by the Book in cases of licensure, all which were answered affirmatively with certain qualifications stated in his examination. Prayer was then offered by the Moderator, after which a charge was addressed to the candidate.

A communication was read from the Oak Forest Church protesting against a dissolution of the pastoral relation which Rev. D. I. Craig sustains to said church.

On motion, the Presbytery declined to dissolve the pastoral relation, by which action also Presbytery declined to grant the petition of the Reidsville Church in reference to a change in the condition of their call to Mr. Craig. (See minutes of adjourned meeting at Greensboro, Nov. 15th).

A communication from the Burlington Church was read in regard to the supply of that church, which was, on motion, referred to Mr. Sprunt, Agent of Home Missions, for an answer to the same explaining the action of the meeting in Greensboro.

The minutes were then read and approved, and after prayer by Dr. Atkinson the Presbytery was declared adjourned until the 17th of April, 1889, at 11 o'clock A. M., in Reidsville, N. C.

(Signed) ALEX. SPRUNT,
Moderator.

W. S. PRIMROSE, *Clerk.*

HILLSBORO, Jan. 31, 1889, 1 o'clock P. M.

The Presbytery of Orange was called to order by the Stated Clerk, and the Rev. H. T. Darnall was, on motion, chosen Moderator *pro tem.* Opened with prayer. The following members present were enrolled, viz.:

Ministers—J. H. Smith, D. D., E. H. Harding, D. D., W. F. Wilhelm, C. Miller, James L. Currie, H. T. Darnall and F. H. Johnston, D. D.

Elders—J. D. Bason, Burlington Church; C. W. Johnston, New Hope Church; S. M. Wilkinson, Fairfield Church; D. S. Allison, Little River Church; W. H. Anderson, Eno Church; C. E. Parrish, Hillsboro Church; J. A. Holmes, Chapel Hill Church.

The following call of the Moderator was then read, viz.:

YANCEYVILLE, N. C., Jan. 1, 1889.

At the request of Rev. Messrs. Wilhelm and Miller and Ruling Elders J. H. Holt, of Graham, and J. W. Sharp, of Burlington, I call the Presbytery of Orange to meet in the Presbyterian Church, Hillsboro, N. C., at 1 o'clock P. M., January 31, 1889, to attend to the following items of business:

1st. To consider calls from Burlington, Stony Creek and Spring Wood Churches for the pastoral services of Rev. J. L. Currie, and if the way be clear to place them in his hands.

2d. If these calls are placed in his hands and he accepts to dissolve the pastoral relation between him and Eno, Fairfield, Little River and New Hope Churches and to make arrangements for his installation at Burlington, Spring Wood and Stony Creek.

At the request of W. F. Wilhelm and J. L. Currie and Ruling Elders C. E. Parrish and W. H. Anderson, of the Hillsboro and Eno Churches, the Presbytery of Orange is called to meet at the same time and place to take the necessary steps to settle the troubles which have arisen between certain members of New Hope Church: *Provided*, Said troubles are not settled privately before the meeting.

(Signed) W. R. COPPEDGE,
Moderator.

The Presbytery then proceeded to the business in hand. Calls from Burlington, Stony Creek and Spring Wood Churches for the pastoral services of the Rev. James L. Currie were presented and read—the three churches together employing him for the whole time at an aggregate salary of $525. Commissioners present from Burlington and Spring Wood Churches were heard in prosecution of the call. Also the commissioners and delegates from the various churches of Mr. Currie's present charge were heard in opposition to the transfer of the pastor. All the parties having been heard, on motion, the Presbytery ordered the calls to be placed in Mr. Currie's hands.

Presbytery then proceeded to the subject of the troubles in New Hope Church.

A communication from the Session of that church was read, in which the Session referred a complaint to their body by a private member of the church against certain other members of the same church to the Presbytery for adjudication on the ground that the Session was by reason of relationship to the parties concerned incapacitated from sitting in judgment thereon. After the reading of the papers Presbytery resolved to investigate the whole matter judicially.

Rev. C. Miller was appointed prosecutor and directed to take all the necessary steps preparatory to trial of the cause at a meeting of the Presbytery appointed to be held at New Hope Church at 3 o'clock P. M., Tuesday, the fifth day of March next. The Stated Clerk was directed to sign and issue all the papers in the case to the proper parties.

Mr. Currie having signified his acceptance of the calls put in his hands, it was thereupon resolved that his relation to his present charge terminate on the *first* day of March next, and that he be hereby appointed to declare the churches of the charge vacant from that date.

The following committees to install Mr. Currie in his new charge were appointed, the time and order of the installation service being left to the various committees respectively:

At Burlington—Rev. Drs. Smith and Harding.

At Stony Creek—Rev. Messrs. Chester and Lacy.

At Spring Wood—Rev. Messrs. Miller and E. W. Smith.

The business of this meeting under the call of the Moderator being finished, Presbytery heard the reading of a second call of the Moderator, as follows:

YANCEYVILLE, N. C., Jan. 15, 1889.

At the request of Rev. W. F. Wilhelm and Rev. J. L. Currie and Ruling Elders B. C. Patton, of Eno, and Samuel Lynch, of Hillsboro, the Presbytery of Orange is called to meet in Hillsboro, N. C., on the 31st, immediately after the meeting already called for that day.

The object of the meeting is to consider and act on the resignation of Rev. William F. Wilhelm as pastor of Hillsboro Church, and matters connected therewith.

W. R. COPPEDGE,
Moderator.

The same members enrolled as above and same organization, and the Presbytery proceeded to the business before it.

Rev. William F. Wilhelm asked leave to resign the pastoral charge of the Hillsboro Church and gave his reasons.

A communication from the Hillsboro Church was read conveying the action of a Congregational Meeting, from which it appeared that the church united, though reluctantly, with the pastor in his request.

On motion, it was

"*Resolved*, That the final disposition of this matter be deferred to the meeting of the Presbytery to be held at New Hope Church on the 5th of March."

The minutes were then read and approved and the Presbytery adjourned to meet at New Hope, 5th of March, at 3 P. M. Closed with prayer and the benediction.

NEW HOPE CHURCH, March 5, 1889, 3 P. M.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

PRESENT: *Ministers*—Rev. Messrs Wilhelm, Darnall, Miller, J. L. Currie, Chester and Johnston.

Ruling Elders—D. S. Allison, of Little River, and C. W. Johnston, of New Hope.

Rev. W. F. Wilhelm was called to the chair and Rev. S. H. Chester appointed Clerk.

The Presbytery then proceeded to the judicial business as determined upon at the last meeting.

[The record of this meeting so far as the judicial business is concerned is omitted from the printed minutes.—STATED CLERK.]

J. A. Holmes, of Chapel Hill, appeared and was enrolled.

The unfinished business laid over from the meeting at Hillsboro was taken up.

Rev. W. F. Wilhelm recalled his resignation of the pastoral charge of the Hillsboro Church.

Presbytery formed the following grouping of the churches of Orange county, subject to the approval of the Stated Meeting at Reidsville, viz.: Hillsboro, Little River, Eno and Fairfield Churches to form one group under the charge of Rev. W. F. Wilhelm. Chapel Hill and New Hope to form a second group not yet supplied.

The minutes were then read and approved and Presbytery adjourned to meet in Reidsville, April 17th, at 11 A. M. Closed with prayer.

S. H. CHESTER,
Temporary Clerk.

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON,
Stated Clerk.

The reading of the minutes being finished, the Moderator announced the standing committees as follows:

1. *Narrative*—Messrs. Watkins, Currie and S. C. Smith.

2. *Systematic Benevolence*—Messrs. Sprunt, Chester and G. A. Denny.

3. *Reports on Sessional Duties*—Messrs. Wilhelm, Faucette and James Irvin.

4. *Sessional Records*—1st Committee: S. M. Smith and C. E. Houston. 2d Committee: E. W. Smith and J. M. McIver. 3d Committee: W. F. Thom and R. F. Boyd. 4th Committee: J. N. H. Summerell and W. T. Chambers.

5. *Treasurer's Report and Account*—Messrs. Culbertson, Hawkins and Womack.

6. *Minutes of Synod*—Messrs. Harding, J. H. Smith and J. Carter.

7. *Devotional Exercises*—Messrs. Craig, Isler and Irvin.

8. *Installation*—Messrs. Coppedge, E. W. Smith and Milner.

9. *Calls and Supplies*—Messrs. Sprunt, Johnston, Vass, Chambers and Hawkins.

10. *Leave of Absence*—Messrs. Dalton, Lacy and T. C. Neal.

Rev. Messrs. Atkinson, Harding, Wilhelm and Lacy, being called upon, rendered satisfactory excuses for absence from the last Stated Meeting.

The committee appointed to the work of verifying the copy of the Presbyterial Records made by the Stated Clerk made their final report, which was received. The committee was discharged with commendation of their diligence. The report, which was approved, is as follows:

Your committee to verify the Copied Records would respectfully report that the work is now finished up to April 26th, 1882, at which time the Presbytery began to print its minutes.

The work of transcription has been done in the most admirable manner, without blots or erasures, in a clear, legible hand, and with scarcely an error anywhere—none, indeed, worthy of any notice.

The thanks of the Presbytery are eminently due to Rev. Dr. Johnston for this tedious work and the painstaking care with which it has been accomplished.

H. T. DARNALL,
Committee.

The commission appointed to visit the Mount Vernon Church made a verbal report and were continued. By request Messrs. J. A. Womack and J. M. McIver were retired as members of the commission, and Messrs. J. A. McLean and G. A. Denny were appointed instead.

The committee appointed to install J. H. Lacy at Bethlehem Church reported that duty discharged.

The committee appointed to visit Bethlehem Church and adjust existing difficulties reported all difficulties adjusted.

These reports were received and the committee discharged.

The committee to install J. L. Currie pastor at Burlington reported the duty not yet performed. Report received and committee continued.

Rev. Alex. Sprunt was unanimously re-elected Agent of Home Missions.

The following nominations were made for commissioners to the General Assembly, viz.:

Ministers—S. H. Chester, H. T. Darnall, S. O. Hall and W. F. Wilhelm.

Elders—J. P. Monroe, S. C. Smith.

Further nominations were deferred until to-morrow and made the order of the day after devotional exercises.

The special committee to whom was referred the Treasurer's resignation made the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee appointed to consider and report on the resignation by Mr. William S. Primrose of his office as Treasurer of Presbytery beg leave to report that they have considered the matter carefully and have agreed unanimously to recommend the following for adoption by the Presbytery:

"*Resolved*, That the Presbytery of Orange hereby express their continued and unabated confidence in Mr. Primrose as Treasurer, both as to his personal and official integrity and ability; that they sympathize with him in the calamity which has befallen him in connection with the failure of the State National Bank in Raleigh; assure him that in no way has said connection injured him in their estimation, and that we do sincerely desire his withdrawal of his resignation and continuance in his office as Treasurer."

Upon the adoption of this action Mr. Primrose formally withdrew his tender of resignation, and the paper itself was ordered to be sent down to the Sessions with directions to send the same to their respective Board of Deacons for their information.

Rev. Dr. J. H. Smith, Chairman of the Presbyterial Committee on Education, read his annual report, which was received, and a recommendation permitting candidate J. J. Harrell, student in the Seminary, to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery during the summer vacation was approved.

Dr. Smith also asked leave to resign his position as chairman and member of the Committee on Education. This request was referred to a special committee consisting of Messrs. Vass, Watkins and Irvin, to be considered and reported on later.

Rev. A. L. Crawford was, at his own request, dismissed to connect himself with the Presbytery of Concord.

The churches of Oakland, Eno and Jamestown sent up requests for supplies, which were read and referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies.

A report on the standing of candidate S. G. Walker, student of Tuskaloosa Institute, was received.

Dr. Johnston, General Evangelist, reported that he had organized a church at Elizabeth City, to be known as the "Cann Memorial" Church, with eight communicant and seven uncommunicant members. One elder and one deacon were ordained and installed.

The report was received and the church enrolled.

It was made the first order of the day for to-morrow afternoon to hear the report of Sessions on the state of religion.

Presbytery then adjourned until 9 A. M. to-morrow. Closed with prayer.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, 9 A. M.

Presbytery met and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Rev. John B. Shearer, D. D., of Davidson College, Concord Presbytery, was invited to sit as a corresponding member and introduced to the Presbytery.

The following ministers and elders were enrolled after rendering excuse for tardiness: Rev. Messrs. Pell, Miller, S. M. Smith and Thom; Messrs. W. A. Sharp, of Alamance; J. B. Burwell, Raleigh, 1st; R. F. Boyd, Worthville; J. M. McIver, Gulf; W. P. Jordan, Little River; C. E. Houston, Mount Vernon.

Rev. G. A. Hough, of the Presbytery of St. John, was invited to sit as a corresponding member and introduced by the Moderator.

Testimonials were received dismissing Mr. Hough from the St. John Presbytery to this Presbytery, and after the usual ex-

amination he was received and his name enrolled as a member of this Presbytery.

The following resolution was, on motion, adopted:

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to transmit to the Session of New Hope Church the findings of the Presbytery in the judicial cases tried at the late adjourned meeting held in New Hope Church, and that the Clerk of Session be instructed by the Presbytery to record the same in the Session Book.

Rev. J. N. Summerell was enrolled after rendering his excuse for tardiness.

A call from Midway Church for the pastoral services of Rev. R. W. Culbertson was read; also a communication from Alamance Church asking to be allowed to reduce the amount of salary promised the pastor by fifty dollars. Both were referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies.

The standing order for devotional exercises was deferred, under suspension of the rules, until 11 o'clock.

Applications for Stated Supply from Fairfield and Little River Churches were presented and referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies.

The order made yesterday touching the reading of reports on state of religion was reconsidered, and instead it was made the order to consider the subject of the division of the Presbytery, which was laid over from last year (printed minutes, page 21), and also the propositions of the committee appointed by the Synod of North Carolina in relation to the same subject; and the hearing of the reports on state of religion was made the second order of the day after recess.

A letter was received from Rev. C. N. Morrow, a member of this Presbytery, still absent on account of his health.

A report was received and read from licentiate C. H. Scott giving an account of his labors. A request was also received from Mr. Scott in reference to his testimonial of licensure, which request was referred for consideration to a special committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. Watkins, Harding and J. H. Smith and Elders Burwell and Carter, to report during this meeting.

The following elders were excused for tardiness and were enrolled, viz.: N. S. Smith, Leaksville; R. L. Walker, Milton, and J. M. Wharton, Jamestown.

A petition from certain members of New Hope Church was received addressed to the Ruling Elders of that church, asking them to resign as a body on the ground of non-acceptability to the church; and they, as a body, having disregarded the petition, it was forwarded to the Presbytery.

Ordered, that this petition be referred to a special committee to recommend what action, if any, is required by the Presbytery. The committee consists of Rev. Messrs. Johnston, Miller, Darnall, Chester and S. M. Smith, and Messrs. Houston and Stephen Neal.

Rev. Carr Moore was excused for absence from this meeting.

Bethel Church was chosen as the place of the next Stated Meeting and Wednesday before the second Sabbath in September, at 11 o'clock, as the time.

The committee to which was referred the communication from Mr. C. H. Scott reported, recommending that the Stated Clerk be instructed to write Mr. Scott that Presbytery see no reason for making any change in the license as given, and that a full record of the facts in regard to the license has been entered in the minutes of the Presbytery, a copy of which may be furnished to him. Adopted.

The order of the day having arrived, Presbytery engaged in devotional exercises.

On motion, it was ordered that Presbytery at the close of the afternoon session to-day take recess to meet again after divine worship to-night to hear the Rev. Dr. Shearer, President of Davidson College.

Rev. W. T. Doggett, of the Presbytery of Central Dakota, was invited to sit as a corresponding member and introduced by the Moderator.

An application from Milton Church for services of Stated Supply was referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies.

Ruling Elder S. C. Smith was allowed to withdraw his name from the nominations for commissioners to the General Assembly.

Messrs. John Denny, J. M. McIver, J. A. Womack and H. Foard, Ruling Elders, were put in nomination as commissioners in addition to those made on yesterday, and it was ordered that the election of commissioners be the first order of the day to-morrow morning.

Mr. J. C. Wharton was added to the commission to visit Mount Vernon Church.

Presbytery then took up the order of the day—the division of the Presbytery. The recommendations of the Synod's committee were read, also the memorial of the Alamance Church Session laid over from last year, and a memorial from the Washington Church Session in relation to the same subject. The subject was considered until the hour for recess.

Presbytery met at 3 P. M.

A blank report on Sabbath observance was committed to Rev. Dr. Atkinson, to be filled up and reported to the Presbytery at this meeting.

Colonel R. B. Watt, of Yanceyville Church, was excused for tardiness and his name enrolled.

The unfinished business of the morning session was resumed, when, pending the discussion of a motion to adopt the propositions of the Synod's committee to make a new Presbytery out of the eastern portion of Orange Presbytery, the whole matter was referred to a special committee to bring in a minute expressive of the sense of Presbytery on the subject. The Moderator appointed the following as the committee: Rev. Messrs. Sprunt, Johnston and Thom, with Elders Houston and S. C. Smith.

Recess was taken until after divine service to-night.

After recess the Presbytery met and heard the Rev. Dr. Shearer on Davidson College.

Rev. Messrs. Vass, Sprunt and Elder Houston were appointed to bring in a suitable response to the address.

Presbytery then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, 9 A. M.

The Presbytery met and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Rev. Mr. Darnall, the Agent of Publication, reported five dollars in hand, proceeds of sale of books in his hands. On motion, this money was ordered to be placed to the credit of the Evangelistic Fund of the Presbytery.

Rev. Dr. Watkins, from the Synod's committee on the Orphanage, made some statements relative thereto, whereupon the following minute, as expressive of the sense of Presbytery on the subject, was adopted:

Orange Presbytery heartily endorses the action of Synod touching the establishment of an Orphans' Home, and earnestly commends the cause to all of its churches. The Presbytery is persuaded that the churches will contribute $500 a year for the support of the Home. This sum will doubtless be increased from year to year as the necessities of the case require. None of the churches have expressed any decided wish in regard to the location of the Orphanage, nor have any definite offers been made in the way of money or land.

Rev. Dr. Atkinson presented a report on Sabbath Observance, which was received, adopted and ordered to be forwarded to Dr. Stacy, Chairman of the General Assembly's Committee on the Sabbath.

A letter was received from the Rev. Arch. Currie asking to be excused for absence, and also for a letter of dismission to join the Presbytery of Fayetteville. This request was granted, and the Stated Clerk directed to convey to Mr. Currie an expression of the esteem in which he is held by this Presbytery.

The special committee appointed to bring in a minute for adoption relative to the question of re-distribution of the territory of the Presbytery made a report, which was received, but failed to be adopted. The subject was then, on motion, referred to a committee *ad interim* to report at the fall meeting, viz.: F. H. Johnston, D. D., Jno. S. Watkins, D. D., Alex. Sprunt, C. Miller, with Elders J. A. Womack and W. S. Primrose.

The committee on the address of Dr. Shearer reported the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Orange Presbytery has heard with great interest the address of Dr. J. B. Shearer, President of Davidson College, touching the condition, progress and methods of study of that institution. It is especially gratifying to learn the large extension of its scientific and literary curriculum, and of the inauguration of a systematic study of the English Bible in its curriculum, and of the enthusiasm kindled by this study among the students.

Resolved, That we hereby express our deep interest in everything affecting the welfare of Davidson College; and that we commend it most cordially, not only to Presbyterians, but to the general public, as an institution not sectarian in its training, but abreast in all respects with the progress of the age in its educational methods and standing in line with our foremost Southern colleges in sound scientific, literary and moral culture.

An application from Wentworth Church for services of Stated Supply was referred to Committee on Calls and Supplies.

A communication was received from Chapel Hill Church requesting Presbytery to send a minister to preach and administer the communion on following Sabbath, in view of the fact that Dr. Phillips expects to leave our bounds permanently. Presbytery requested Rev. Mr. Sprunt to go and to convey to Dr. Phillips the expression of their fraternal sympathies, and their regret at parting with him.

Presbytery then proceeded to the election of commissioners to the General Assembly, which election resulted as follows:

Ministers chosen: Principals—Revs. Chester and Darnall. Alternates—Revs. Hall and Wilhelm.

Ruling Elders: Principals—J. A. Womack and J. M. McIver. Alternates—H. Foard and J. T. Denny.

The committee appointed to consider the resignation of Dr. J. H. Smith as Chairman of the Education Committee reported, recommending,

That Presbytery expresses its gratification and thanks for the exceeding carefulness with which he has fulfilled the duties of his position, and that in view of the interests of this department of the Church's business Presbytery hopes it will be practicable for Dr. Smith to withdraw his resignation and continue in his position at least for a few years longer.

Adopted.

The order of the day having arrived, the subject of Home Missions was taken up and the report of the Agent, Rev. Alex. Sprunt, heard.

The report of the General Evangelist, Dr. F. H. Johnston, was also heard. These reports were received, when recess was taken until 3 P. M.

Presbytery met at 3 o'clock.

Rev. P. H. Dalton made a report on Leave of Absence, which was received and approved.

Rev. D. I. Craig made a report on Devotional Exercises, which was received.

The committee on the New Hope Church petition made the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee to consider and report on the New Hope Church case respectfully report that they have considered the same, and it appearing that there is sufficient ground for believing that the existing Session of that church is, as a body, unacceptable to a large majority of the congregation, recommend the following mode of procedure in the case by this Presbytery:

1. That the Ruling Elders constituting the Session of New Hope Church, and in active duty, viz.: Messrs. John T. Hogan, S. C. Kirkland, S. D. Blackwood, Leroy Craig, C. W. Johnston and W. C. Claytor, be notified at once that the Presbytery will consider the propriety of dissolving their relation as Ruling Elders to the Church of New Hope.

2. That an adjourned meeting of this Presbytery be held at New Hope Church on Thursday, the 16th of May, at 3 P. M., to afford the parties full opportunity for stating objections, then to dissolve the relation, if in the judgment of the Presbytery the way be clear, and to arrange for the election of a new Board of Elders by the church.

The Committee on the Treasurer's Accounts reported as follows, and the report approved:

The committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts report that they have discharged the duty committed to them with some care and minuteness. They find the Treasurer's books kept with neatness, accuracy and business-like order. They find his accounts correct and the disbursements sustained by proper vouchers.

R. W. CULBERTSON,
J. A. WOMACK,
T. W. HAWKINS,
Committee.

Presbytery then resumed the consideration of the Home Mission work. Reports were heard from the evangelists, Rev. R. P. Pell, of the Wilson-Nahalah field; Rev. W. F. Thom, of the Chatham field; Rev. G. A. Hough, of the Randolph field, and Rev. W. R. Coppedge, of the Caswell field. These reports were received and ordered to be filed. The report of the Agent was then taken up and the following recommendations adopted:

Resolved, Inasmuch as the present condition of our Home Mission work demands every dollar of the amount apportioned by the Presbytery amongst our churches for the causes of Home Missions and evangelistic fund (these sums being $1,000 each), Presbytery urges upon every pastor and Stated Supply the necessity of impressing upon the people the probable embarrassment to the general work which will likely follow from the failure of any church to meet their assessments for these causes. At the last meeting of Synod it was determined to elect an evangelist for the Synod. The only immediate provision for raising his salary was estimates of various brethren as to the amounts each Presbytery would likely raise for the purpose. And inasmuch as Orange Presbytery is expected to raise at least $500 for the cause we do therefore commit the Presbytery to this amount for the support of the evangelist of Synod, and that this amount be apportioned amongst the churches of Presbytery.

Resolved, Inasmuch as the Synodical Evangelist, Rev. W. D. Morton, D. D., will in a few weeks begin his labors in our Synod, it is very much desired that the committee of Synod on Evangelistic Labor may have the funds to meet his expenses of travel and salary, and this Presbytery therefore urges the immediate payment by our churches of one-fourth of the general subscription of $500 made by us to the support of Synod's evangelistic work. And that these subscriptions be made quarterly in advance from this date.

Resolved, Inasmuch as the contributions of all our churches during the past year to the Invalid Fund amounted to only $271.63, and the appropriations to this Presbytery by the General Assembly's Executive Committee amount to $400, we do hereby anew commend this cause of beneficence to our churches, earnestly trusting that the minimum of our next annual contribution will be not less than the sum received this year from the Executive Committee of Home Missions.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolutions be read to every congregation in the Presbytery by the pastor or Stated Supply, and that the roll be called at the next meeting and report of performance or non-performance be required of each pastor or Stated Supply in the Presbytery.

Following evangelists were elected: Rev. W. F. Thom, for Chatham field; Rev. G. A. Hough, for Randolph field; Rev. W.

R. Coppedge, for Caswell field; Rev. R. P. Pell, for Wilson and Rocky Mount; Rev. J. N. H. Summerell, for Pitt county; Rev. J. B. Swann, for Nahalah field.

The following Missionary Supplies were ordered until the next meeting, viz.: Chatham field, Rev. Messrs. Watkins, Darnall and E. W. Smith; Randolph field, Rev. Messrs. Chester, J. H. Smith and Culbertson; Caswell field, Rev. Messrs. Miller, Lacy and Faucette; Wilson field, Rev. Alex. Sprunt; Nahalah field, Rev. J. N. H. Summerell.

The following resolution was adopted in reference to the General Evangelist:

Resolved, That the welfare of the Home Mission work of our Presbytery demands the continuance of Rev. Dr. F. H. Johnston as Presbyterial Evangelist until the 1st of October, when it is expected the Synodical Evangelist will then begin his work in our Presbytery, and that our evangelist be commended to our various churches, with the hope that his support may be provided for by the churches to which he may appeal in the prosecution of his work, and that the Home Mission fund may be used exclusively in the support of local evangelists and missionaries.

Rev. R. P. Pell presented the form of a letter which the Wilson Church proposes to send out to individuals asking aid in liquidating the debt on that church, and requested that the Presbytery give its endorsement to the letter, which request was granted.

Rev. Mr. Williams, of the Methodist Church, was invited to sit as a visiting brother, and introduced to the Presbytery.

Committee on Sessional Records made their report and the criticisms on the books as recommended passed upon *seriatim*.

The Committee on Calls and Supplies made the following recommendations, which were adopted:

1. That the call from Midway Church for the services of Rev. R. W. Culbertson as pastor for part of his time be granted.

2. That Alamance Church be allowed to reduce the amount of salary promised their pastor from $500 to $450, and to employ him for half his time.

3. That Jamestown Church have leave to employ Rev. C. Miller as Stated Supply for one Sabbath in every month for one year.

4. That Wentworth Church have leave to employ Rev. S. O. Hall one-fourth his time for one year.

5. That Milton Church be allowed to employ Rev. T. U. Faucette three Sabbaths in the month for one year.

6. That Oakland Church continue to employ Rev. Dr. Burwell for another year.

7. That Little River, Eno and Fairfield Churches employ Rev. W. F. Wilhelm one Sabbath each in the month until the fall meeting.

Presbytery then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, 9 A. M.

The Presbytery met and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Moderator having obtained leave of absence, Rev. W. F. Wilhelm was called to the chair.

Rev. E. P. Davis appeared in Presbytery and was enrolled after rendering excuse for late attendance.

The Committee on Leave of Absence made their final report, which was received.

The committee to review the minutes of Synod reported that there was nothing in the minutes requiring action on the part of Presbytery. This report was received and the committee discharged.

The committee on the reports of Sessions on Sessional Duties made a report, which was received and approved.

The Committee on Installation reported recommending the following order for the installation of the Rev. R. W. Culbertson as pastor of Midway Church: Rev. Dr. J. H. Smith and Rev. C. Miller to be the committee to install Mr. Culbertson at such time as he and the committee may agree upon, and that Rev. E. W. Smith be alternate to Dr. Smith and Dr. Harding be alternate to Mr. Miller.

The reports of the churches on the state of religion were then read and placed in the hands of the Committee on the Narrative.

The Agent of Sabbath-schools, Rev. Dr. Vass, presented the annual report on that subject, which was received, approved and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly.

The Committee on the Narrative presented the following, which was received and adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly and the Synod:

Most of the churches report good attendance upon the services of the sanctuary. Some of them, however, lament the thin attendance upon the weekly prayer-meetings. During the year there have been revivals in many of the churches which resulted in numerous accessions. Quite a number report steady growth and many additions without any special revival season.

Complaints are still made of the subject of family worship, though some of the churches report improvement. The Sabbath is not properly observed in many communities. We have reason, however, to believe from the reports that more attention has been paid to the subject than formerly, and the Sabbath has been better observed. Much interest has been manifested in Home Missions, and the Presbytery is much encouraged in the attempts to evangelize the large unoccupied territory within our bounds. Several new fields have been opened up, and the outlook is promising. The churches have generally contributed to the benevolent causes of the Assembly with the exception of church erection.

JOHN S. WATKINS,
Chairman.

The Committee on Systematic Benevolence presented a report, which was received, adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly.

Reports from Missionary Supplies appointed at the last meeting were called for. Reports showed a performance generally of the duty assigned.

Rev. E. P. Davis was requested to visit the church at Kernersville and confer with the members remaining there as to the propriety of a dissolution of the church, and to report to the next meeting of Presbytery.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Presbytery are due and are cordially expressed to the Reidsville Presbyterian Church and to the community for their generous hospitality; also to the brethren of the Methodist, Baptist and Episcopal Churches for the tender and use of their churches for religious services; and to the railroad companies for courtesies in travel; and that the pastor of the Reidsville Church be directed to read this resolution from the pulpit on the Sabbath and to publish it in the town papers.

The minutes were then read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in New Hope Church on the 16th of May at 3 P. M.

Closed with singing, prayer and the apostolic benediction.

H. T. DARNALL,
J. A. WOMACK,
Clerks.

MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING.

NEW HOPE CHURCH, May 16, 3 P. M.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

Present—Dr. E. H. Harding, who was called to the chair, Dr. F H. Johnston, Rev. W. F. Wilhelm, Rev. J. L. Currie, Rev. J. H. Lacy, Elders S. D. Blackwood, New Hope, and J. A. Holmes, Chapel Hill.

Mr. Lacy was appointed Clerk.

A communication was received from Bethel Church requesting for reasons that the time appointed for the fall meeting of the Presbytery be changed from the 4th of September to the 28th of August, one week earlier.

On motion, the request was granted, and the time of the next Stated Meeting was fixed for Wednesday before the first Sunday in September (August 28), at 11 A. M.

A communication was received from Buffalo Church asking to be allowed to reduce, for reasons assigned, the amount of the salary promised to their pastor from $375 to $325. Granted.

An application from Croatan Church for permission to employ Rev. J. J. Hines as Stated Supply another year was granted.

Presbytery then proceeded to the special business before it.

Notice having been duly served on the members of the New Hope Church Session in active duty, and they being all present, were severally called upon to show cause why the Presbytery should not dissolve their relation as elders to the New Hope Church.

The members of the Session having been severally heard, after due deliberation over the whole case the Presbytery dissolved their relation as elders of New Hope Church, the vote being four for dissolution to two against.

Rev. Dr. F. H. Johnston was appointed to visit the church on Saturday, the 25th of May, at 11 o'clock, preach, and afterwards moderate a meeting of the congregation called for the purpose of electing a new Board of Elders, notice of which meeting was then and there given by the Presbytery.

The minutes were then read and approved and Presbytery adjourned to meet at Bethel Church on the 28th of August, at 11 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

J. HORACE LACY,
Clerk.

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON,
Stated Clerk.

APPENDIX.

I. Statistical Report—The Presbytery, 1889.

MINISTERS.	POST-OFFICES.		CHARGES.
Robert Burwell, D. D.	Raleigh,	N. C.	Oakland S. S.
George W. Ferrill.....	Tally Ho,	"	Infirm.
Arch. Currie.....	Carthage,	"	In transitu.
T. U. Faucette..	Milton,	"	Red House, P., Milton S. S.
J. M. Atkinson, D. D.	Raleigh,	"	Raleigh Second, P., Warrenton and Littleton S. S.
P. H. Dalton	Mocksville,	"	Labor'g bey'd bounds of Pres.
J. H. Smith, D. D.....	Greensboro,	"	Greensboro First, P.
E. H. Harding, D. D..	Graham,	"	Graham, P.
F. H. Johnston, D. D.	Raleigh,	"	General Evangelist.
C. N. Morrow.....	Hawthorne,	Fla.	Invalid.
C. Phillips, D. D.....	Chapel Hill,	N. C.	
L. C. Vass, D. D.....	New Bern,	"	New Bern, P.
H. T. Darnall.....	Durham,	"	Durham, P.
C. Miller.....	Greensboro,	"	Alam'ce, P., Jamestown S. S.
J. L. Currie.....	Hillsboro,	"	Burlington, Stony Creek, and Springwood, P. E.
S. M. Smith, D. D	Washington,	"	Washington, P.
J. S. Watkins, D. D...	Raleigh,	"	Raleigh First, P.
D. I. Craig	Reidsville,	"	Reidsville and Oak Forest, P.
W. F. Thom.....	Ore Hill,	"	Chatham field, Evangelist.
J. N. H. Summerell...	Tarboro,	"	Tarboro, P., Evang. Pitt Co.
S. H. Isler.....	Goldsboro,	"	Johnston county.
W. F. Wilhelm.....	Hillsboro,	"	Hillsboro, P., Eno, Fairfield and Little River S. S.
S. H. Chester.....	Mebane's,	"	Hawfields and Cross Roads, P.
Alex. Sprunt.....	Henderson,	"	Henderson, P.
Carr Moore.....	Townesville,	"	Nutbush, Grassy Creek, Oak Hill and Shiloh, P.
E. W. Smith..... ..	Greensboro,	"	Westminster, P., Mt. Airy S. S.
S. O. Hall.....	Madison,	"	Madison and Leaksville, P., Wentworth S. S.
R. P. Pell.....	Wilson,	"	Wilson and Rocky Mt., Ev.
W. R. Coppedge.....	Yanceyville,	"	Caswell county, Evangelist.
R. W. Culbertson	McLeansville,	"	Buffalo, Bethel, Midway, P.
E. P. Davis.....	Winston,	"	Winston, P.
J. H. Lacy.....	Mebane's,	"	Mebanev'le and Bethleh'm, P.
G. A. Hough	Worthville,	"	Randolph county, Evang.
A. L. Crawford.....	Taylorsville,	"	In transitu.
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LICENTIATES.			
B. B. Palmer	Milton,	"	Teaching and preaching.
C. H. Scott..	Franklinton,	"	Teaching and preaching.
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Statistical Report—Continued.

MINISTERS.	POST-OFFICES.		CHARGES.
CANDIDATES.			
William Cawthorne ...	Warrenton,	N. C.	Teaching.
J. E. Mebane..... ...	Hampden Sidney,	Va.	Student U. T. Seminary.
S. S. Oliver.....	Madison,	N. C.	
J. E. Thacker.....	Davidson College,	"	Student.
C. W. Wharton	Davidson College,	"	Student.
J. J. Harrell.....	Hampden Sidney,	Va.	Student U. T. Seminary.
A. W. Cheatham.....	Davidson College,	N. C.	Student.
Rosser Brown	Greensboro,	"	
S. M. Rankin.....	Greensboro,	"	
F. D. Thomas.....	Hampden Sidney,	Va.	Student U. T. Seminary.
S. G. Walker	Tuskaloosa,	Ala.	Student.
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II. Summary of Statistical Reports of the Churches.

Number of churches	69
Number of elders	231
Number of deacons	192
Additions on profession	416
Additions on certificate	146
Whole number of communicants	5,099
Baptisms (adult)	159
Baptisms (infant)	137
Number of baptized non-communicants	1,534
Number of children in Sabbath-schools	3,273
Number of teachers in Sabbath-schools	420

FUNDS COLLECTED.

For sustentation (58 churches)	$ 1,098 51
For evangelistic fund (54 churches)	1,342 65
For invalid fund (39 churches)	293 33
For Foreign Missions (55 churches)	2,399 39
For education (49 churches)	980 67
For publication (35 churches)	197 45
For Tuskaloosa Institute (33 churches)	143 61
For church erection (29 churches)	139 06
For Presbyterial fund	372 70
For pastors' salary	20,349 34
For congregational uses	11,143 10
For miscellaneous	2,098 96
Grand total	$40,558 77

III. Presbyterial Report on Sabbath-schools.

Report of Presbytery of Orange to the General Assembly for year ending April 1, 1889.

Names of Schools.	Number on Rolls.		Average Attendance.		Scholars Admitted to the Communion.	Contributions of the Schools.	
	Teachers.	Scholars.	Teachers.	Scholars.		For their own Expenses.	For Other Purposes.
1. Alamance	10	110	6	62	11	$	$ 8 18
2. Ashboro (Union S. S.)							
3. Bethel	6	67	5	60			
4. Buffalo	8	61	7	46			
5. Bethlehem	4	40	3	25	2		
6. Burlington (Union School)							
7. Cross Roads	7	75	6	60	8	10 00	23 00
8. Durham	18	130	14	100	21	80 00	50 00
9. Grassy Creek (School just organized),							
10. Griers	5	35	4	30	3		
11. Graham	11	62	8	38	2	22 00	
12. Greensboro First	25	202	21	125		110 00	84 00
13. Henderson	13	93	11	65	9	45 00	15 00
14. Hawfields	9	73	6	27			2 55
15. High Point	7	63	7	60		31 00	4 00
16. Hillsboro	7	38	6	25	1	13 60	
17. Haywood	4	41	2	25			
18. Gulf (Union School)							
19. Jamestown	6	14	4	10	5		
20. Leaksville	4	50	3	30			
21. Lexington	10	75	7	55	3	105 00	
22. Little River	6	56	4	21		9 00	
23. Madison	9	50	8	25	1	12 00	11 00
24. Mebaneville	10	75	6	45	7	5 00	23 00
25. Midway	6	47	4	23	1	3 00	
26. Milton	11	71	6	41		66 00	37 00
27. Mount Airy	5	35	3	25		10 00	
28. Mount Vernon	4	24	4	20		4 00	
29. Ore Hill	2	4	2	4		2 00	
30. Nahalah*	6	60	4	40	1		
31. Hobgood Mission*	3	18	2	12			
32. Martin Mission*	6	80	4	60			
33. New Bern	14	88	10	54		40 00	123 00
34. New Hope	7	55	6	30	1	3 00	
35. Oak Hill (School just organized)							
36. Oak Forest	7	53	6	30		5 00	
37. Oakland	5	70	4	35	14	60 00	
38. Oxford	6	50	5	30	11	18 00	7 00
39. Raleigh First	20	187	17	105	2	75 00	
40. Raleigh Second	9	43	7	30	1	12 00	5 00
41. Red House	5	35	4	25	3	20 00	12 00
42. Reidsville	13	127	11	78	8	60 00	35 00
43. Rocky Mount	6	35	5	20		17 00	
44. Springwood	6	30	4	25		2 00	
45. Stony Creek	7	75	6	39		9 00	2 00
46. Tarboro	7	42	6	33	1	37 00	15 00
47. Warrenton	3	12	2	9	1	6 00	
48. Washington	23	150	18	100	12	40 00	
49. Wilson	9	68	6	55	3	13 00	17 00
50. Winston	19	150	14	100	20	78 00	129 00
51. Wentworth	6	30	4	20		5 00	
52. Westminster	16	130	14	85	12	88 00	
53. Worthville†	10	76	7	50	2	18 00	
	420	3,255	323	2,112	166	$1,133 00	$ 602 00

*All belong yet to Nahalah work. †Union School, but superintended by elder.

Remarks.—Fifty-five of our 69 churches send up reports. Four (4) churches have no Sabbath-schools, and one will organize its school in April. Fifty (50) churches report 53 schools connected with them. Nearly all are under Sessional control and attended by pastors and elders with more or less regularity. About one-third of them have special services with varying frequency for the children. Many have no others than the regular services with the congregation, but the children are reported as generally attending these Stated Meetings. The Catechism is almost universally taught, but the Confession of Faith and the Form of Government are not. In about one-third of the schools the "Children's Friend" is taken, and the "Earnest Worker" in about one-half, but neither very largely probably. In more than one-half the schools the Scriptures are memorized to some extent. Not many helps are used besides the Bible and the Standard of the Church, the International Lessons and Lesson Leaflets; Quarterlies, "Earnest Worker" and "Westminster Teacher" are all named as aids, but none generally. In several schools there has been special religious interest and encouraging accessions to full church membership. Only three schools report taking up collections for the seven Assembly schemes, viz.: Henderson, Haywood and Winston; and one, viz.: New Bern, for all except the colored work. A few take collections for Foreign or Home Mis-

IV. Reports of Receipts and Disbursements of Orange Presbytery from April 1, 1888, to April 1, 1889.

Churches.	Foreign Missions.	Sustentation.	Church Erection.	Invalid Fund	Tuskaloosa Institute.	Education.	Publication.	Home Missions, O. P.	Evangelistic Fund.	Presbyterial Fund.	Totals.
Alamance	$ 41 28	$ 15 01	$ 5 68	$ 9 51	$ 3 43	$ 12 00	$ 9 37	$	$ 31 43	$ 12 00	$ 139 71
Ashboro	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	2 47	2 00	16 47
Bethel	60 42	3 73	3 54	3 30	2 93	3 97	4 08	4 10	.....	12 00	98 07
Bethesda	.....	.....	.....	1 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00	5 70
Buffalo	67 51	.....	.....	.....	3 00	3 75	.....	8 00	15 70	.....	97 96
Burlington	53 76	7 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	4 00	2 00	.....	5 00	3 00	78 76
Calah	2 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	6 00
Chapel Hill	43 82	13 00	.....	5 00	2 00	10 00	4 25	6 00	12 00	3 00	99 07
Cedar Grove	3 68	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 88	6 56
Croatan	.....	2 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	4 10
Cross Roads	28 05	.....	2 50	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00	51 55
Durham	17 00	.....	.....	7 65	.....	13 90	6 00	27 00	10 79	15 00	97 34
Eno	5 82	3 53	.....	.....	1 40	1 16	.....	2 89	.....	.....	14 80
Fairfield	6 00	.....	1 22	.....	2 30	6 00	2 03	.....	4 00	2 00	23 55
Geneva	23 73	3 00	.....	.....	3 00	4 27	3 00	.....	3 00	1 75	41 75
Graham	77 45	65 00	8 07	17 75	.....	40 00	.....	.....	65 00	25 00	298 27
Grassy Creek	14 81	.....	.....	1 68	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 05	.....	18 54
Greensboro First	76 96	45 47	.....	11 00	.....	40 53	48 28	68 09	54 41	.....	344 74
Griers	5 54	4 49	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	4 00	.....	.....	17 03
Gulf	3 00	4 00	.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	4 00	2 00	17 00
Hawfields	35 15	10 00	.....	11 82	1 00	2 00	1 00	.....	19 35	15 00	95 32
Haywood	3 00	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	3 00	2 00	.....	10 00
Henderson	72 03	72 44	25 21	16 50	12 10	28 56	11 32	.....	20 00	15 00	273 16
Hillsboro	7 26	20 00	.....	11 00	.....	5 65	2 66	.....	4 35	6 00	56 92
High Point	1 25	.....	.....	2 00	1 00	3 00	.....	.....	4 00	.....	11 25
Jamestown	7 13	6 00	50	2 70	1 00	2 65	1 50	2 00	4 00	4 00	31 48
Leaksville	7 20	.....	.....	.....	5 08	4 86	5 40	.....	8 26	.....	30 80
Lexington	13 35	12 50	.....	1 80	.....	.....	1 90	.....	.....	.....	29 55
Little River	6 00	17 83	3 35	4 25	92	.....	.....	5 12	6 30	7 75	51 52
Littleton	4 30	5 75	.....	2 00	1 00	4 00	2 00	4 00	4 00	2 00	31 05
Madison	23 47	5 20	.....	3 00	.....	3 00	.....	.....	4 50	8 00	47 17
Mebaneville	160 00	40 00	1 00	3 00	2 00	6 00	3 00	25 00	16 85	30 00	286 85
Midway	.....	1 62	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 62
Milton	7 86	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 18	6 37	.....	29 41

Reports of Receipts and Disbursements—Continued.

Churches.	Foreign Missions.	Sustentation.	Church Erection.	Invalid Fund.	Tuskaloosa Institute.	Education.	Publication.	Home Missions, O. P.	Evangelistic Fund.	Presbyterial Fund.	Totals.
Mount Airy	$ 46	$ 1 00	$	$	$	$ 1 00	$ 1 00	$ 7 11	$	$ 2 00	$ 12 57
Mount Vernon	5 00	5 00				4 00			5 00	2 00	21 00
Nahalah		2 00							8 67	2 00	12 67
New Bern	130 91	98 63	26 20	17 08	21 13	41 91	26 42		37 11	25 00	424 39
New Hope	11 00	2 80	75		1 33	3 06			1 75	2 55	23 24
Nutbush	56 00	20 00		13 00		21 00	12 00		11 00	57	133 57
Oak Forest	3 00	3 00		1 00		2 00	50		20 00	2 00	31 50
Oak Hill	8 00			2 40	1 30	3 30		2 56	7 70	3 00	28 26
Oakland	5 00	3 00				3 00			3 00	2 00	16 00
Oxford	31 34	12 65	6 96	12 35	7 98	15 00	5 15		1 39	12 00	104 82
Pittsboro	10 25			2 50	1 00	2 50	1 00		3 65		20 90
Raleigh First	291 61	63 21		23 40	11 10	25 29	8 72	48 71	55 84	40 00	567 88
Raleigh Second	17 05								8 00	3 00	28 05
Red House	17 15	13 00	3 75		3 75	3 00		6 00	9 50	5 00	61 15
Reidsville	45 00		5 00	5 00	5 00	15 00	5 00	20 00	8 00	15 00	123 00
Rocky Mount	9 00	4 00		5 00		5 00			11 00	3 00	37 00
Shiloh	4 44					2 30		9 00			15 74
Speedwell								4 00			4 00
Springwood	8 48			2 42	2 00	2 77			7 44	5 00	28 11
Stony Creek	12 50	2 10	2 10	2 31		2 52	1 02	4 30		4 00	30 85
Tarboro	34 92	12 00	10 00		2 00	13 00	9 24	20 00	15 00	10 00	126 16
Washington								120 00		20 92	140 92
Wentworth	13 00	2 00	90	1 90	1 10		3 19		1 80	4 00	27 89
Winston	227 21	90 18	19 00	50 90	15 50	52 10	48 39		65 93	25 00	594 21
Wilson	6 00	7 47				2 00			4 00	2 00	21 47
Westminster	83 29	11 00		4 41	5 30	5 29			12 56		121 85
Worthville			2 50								2 50
Warrenton	16 00	6 00				4 00	1 17		6 00	4 00	37 17
Yanceyville	9 00	2 50									11 50
Returned by Rev. J. H. Summerell, Commissioner										1 50	1 50
Rev. R. P. Pell for Randolph Field								5 00			5 00
Rev. R. B. Willis for Randolph Field								15 00			15 00
Rev. C. D. Price for Randolph Field								5 00			5 00
Rev. W. R. Coppedge for Randolph Field								10 00			10 00

Prof. F. P. Venable for Randolph Field								25 00			25 00
Rev. J. H. Smith, D. D., for Randolph Field								10 00			10 00
Rev. C. Miller for Randolph Field								5 00			5 00
Sale of circulars, Rev. A. Sprunt								2 57			2 57
Received from Home Mission Committee								125 00	5 00		130 00
Rev. J. H. Smith, D. D., for Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D.											
Receipts from churches, societies and individuals for fiscal year,	$1,939 44	$725 21	$129 23	$270 43	$122 65	$435 34	$231 59	$620 63	$ 620 17	$383 92	$5,480 51
Balance on hand 1st April, 1888		79 02		13 65	36 90	80 84	79 04	274 43	77 69	64 52	706 09
Dividends received from State National Bank, 40 per cent	121 02	39 65		6 38	6 54	45 58	24 36	45 58	47 52	31 43	368 06
Dividend Lindsey legacy									400 00		400 00
Transferred from O. P. Home Mission to Evangelistic Fund									940 64		940 64
Totals	$2,060 46	$843 88	$129 23	$290 36	$166 09	$561 76	$334 99	$940 64	$2,086 02	$479 87	$7,895 30

Disbursements.

	Foreign Missions.	Sustentation.	Church Erection.	Invalid Fund.	Tuskaloosa.	Education.	Publication.	Home Missions.	Evangelistic.	Presbyterial.	Totals.
Paid L. C. Inglis, Treasurer Foreign Missions	$2,060 46	$	$	$		$	$	$	$	$	$2,060 46
Paid W. A. Powell, Treasurer Sustentation		792 26									792 26
Paid Rev. Carr Moore, Sustentation		50 00									50 00
Paid W. A. Powell, Treasurer Church Erection			$129 23								129 23
Paid W. A. Powell, Treasurer Invalid Fund				290 36							290 36
Paid W. A. Powell, Treasurer Tuskaloosa					$166 09						166 09
Paid G. W. MacRae, Treasurer Education						561 76					561 76
Paid Rev. J. K. Hazen, D. D., Treasurer Publication							334 99				334 99
Tranferred to Evangelistic Fund								940 64			940 64
DISBURSEMENTS EVANGELISTIC FUND:											
Paid Rev. George Hough									70 00		70 00
Paid Rev. W. F. Thom									203 70		203 70
Paid Rev. P. H. Dalton									143 75		143 75
Paid Rev. W. R. Coppedge									80 00		80 00
Paid Rev. C. D. Price									237 92		237 92
Paid Rev. J. E. Mebane									75 00		75 00
Paid Rev. R. P. Pell									384 50		384 50
Paid Rev. J. P. McPherson									40 00		40 00
Paid Rev. J. J. Hines									25 00		25 00
Paid Rev. J. N. H. Summerell									25 00		25 00
Paid Rev. S. H. Isler									10 00		10 00
Paid Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D., on salary and expenses									618 95		618 95
Paid for Home Mission circulars									17 44		17 44
Paid Agent Home Missions for J. J. Wade and J. J. Harrell									65 00		65 00
DISBURSEMENTS PRESBYTERIAL FUND:											
Paid Rev. J. H. Smith, Commissioner										25 00	25 00
Paid Rev. D. I. Craig, Commissioner										25 00	25 00
Paid Mr. John B. Burwell, Commissioner										20 00	20 00
Paid expenses Rev. A. Sprunt										27 00	27 00
Paid Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D., Stated Clerk										66 00	66 00
Paid Observer Co., Spring Minutes										42 08	42 08
Paid Observer Co., Fall Minutes										26 47	26 47
Paid assessments to Synod in part										125 00	125 00
Balances on hand		1 62							89 76	123 32	216 70
Totals	$2,060 46	$843 88	$129 23	$290 36	$166 09	$561 76	$334 99	$940 64	$2,086 02	$479 87	$7,895 30

The following amounts, which are included in the sums credited to their respective churches above scheduled, were received from the following societies and Sunday-schools, viz.:

FOREIGN MISSIONS—		
Bethel, Ladies' Society	$ 16 70	$ 16 70
Buffalo, Ladies' Society	4 51	
Buffalo, Ladies' Society for Miss Tiddball	10 00	14 51
Burlington, Ladies' Society	37 76	37 76
Cross Roads, Ladies' Society	15 00	15 00
Chapel Hill, Sunday-school	4 90	4 90
Greensboro, Children's Day	13 13	13 13
Grassy Creek, Ladies' Society	3 87	3 87
Hawfields, Ladies' Society, Mebane	5 00	
Hawfields, Children's Society, Mebane	3 50	
Hawfields, Children's Society, Mebane	5 00	13 50
Madison, Sunday-school	2 00	
Madison, Chapel Collection	5 00	7 00
New Bern, Sunday-school	41 59	
New Bern, Sunday-school Chinese Mission	40 00	81 59
Rocky Mount, from Mrs. Griffis	1 00	1 00
Reidsville, Pansy Society	7 00	
Reidsville, Sunday-school	5 00	12 00
Raleigh First, Ladies' Society	120 00	
Raleigh, Busy Bees	58 73	
Raleigh, Peace Institute	63 27	242 00
Shiloh, Free Will Offering	2 75	
Shiloh, Ladies' Society	5 00	7 75
Tarboro, Non-resident Member	5 00	
Tarboro, Sunday-school	1 00	6 00
Winston, Sunday-school	83 31	83 31
Wentworth, a member	80	80
SUSTENTATION—		
Hillsboro, Ladies' Society	10 00	
Hawfields, Ladies' Society	5 00	
New Bern Church, Sunday-school	10 42	25 42

EDUCATION—		
Greensboro First	$ 18 22	
New Bern Church, Sunday-school	5 76	$23 98
PUBLICATION—		
New Bern Church, Sunday-school	7 27	7 27
HOME MISSIONS—		
Greensboro First, Woman's Society	36 50	
Reidsville, Pansy Society	6 00	
Washington, Girls' Missionary Band	100 00	
Washington, Ladies' Home Mission	20 00	162 50
EVANGELISTIC—		
Greensboro, Earnest Workers	20 00	
Hawfields, Ladies' Society	4 00	
Oak Forest, Ladies' Society	5 00	
Oak Forest, Girls' Society	5 00	
Reidsville, Sunday-school	5 00	
New Bern, Sunday-school	2 61	
Winston, Sunday-school	6 88	

The following additional amounts were received during the fiscal year and have been remitted to the proper treasurers, viz.:

BIBLE CAUSE—		
Gulf Church	$ 1 00	
Alamance Church	7 53	8 53
SYNODICAL EVANGELIST—		
New Bern Church	24 62	
UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY ENDOWMENT FUND—		
Eno Church	3 25	

V. Table of Apportionments and Assessments, 1889-'90.

Churches.	Foreign Missions. (May).	Home Missions. (January).	Evangelistic. (September).	Education. (November).	Presbyterial Fund). (Due April 1).
Alamance	$ 50	$ 27	$ 27	$ 15	$ 12
Ashboro	13	5	5	3	2
Bethel	38	27	27	15	12
Bethesda	10	4	4	2	4
Bethlehem	18	15	15	5	5
Buffalo	45	27	27	15	12
Burlington	16	5	5	4	3
Calah	2	1	1	1	1
Chapel Hill	38	10	10	5	8
Croatan	4	2	2	1	1
Cross Roads	45	27	27	15	15
Durham	45	27	27	15	15
Elizabeth City	5	2	2	2	2
Eno	12	6	6	3	5
Fairfield	6	4	4	2	2
Geneva	18	9	9	5	7
Graham	170	65	65	40	25
Grassy Creek	2	2	2	2	1
Greensboro First	300	95	95	55	35
Griers	10	4	4	5	2
Gulf	8	4	4	2	2
Hawfields	45	27	27	15	15
Haywood	5	3	3	1	3
Henderson	75	30	30	20	15
High Point	15	8	8	5	5
Hillsboro	35	10	10	5	6
Jamestown	7	5	5	3	2
Kernersville	2	1	1	1	1
LaGrange	3	1	1	1	1
Leaksville	20	9	9	6	5
Lexington	25	12	12	8	15
Little River	20	15	15	8	10
Littleton	7	3	3	2	2
Madison	37	15	15	10	8
Mebaneville	60	25	25	20	15
Midway	5	3	3	2	2
Milton	50	22	22	15	12
Mount Airy	3	1	1	1	2
Mount Vernon	10	5	5	3	2
Nahalah	6	4	4	2	2
New Bern	150	55	55	40	25
New Hope	15	7	7	5	8
Nutbush	18	10	10	5	6
Oak Forest	10	3	3	2	3
Oak Hill	10	5	5	3	3
Oakland	6	3	3	3	2

Apportionments and Assessments—Continued.

Churches.	Foreign Missions. (May).	Home Missions. (January).	Evangelistic. (September).	Education. (November).	Presbyterial Fund. (Due April 1).
Oxford	$ 50	$ 20	$ 20	$ 15	$ 12
Pittsboro	10	7	7	4	4
Raleigh First	325	110	110	55	40
Raleigh Second	15	3	3	2	3
Red House	15	7	7	5	5
Reidsville	38	17	17	15	15
Rocky Mount	12	6	6	3	3
Shiloh	6	2	2	1	2
Speedwell	2	1	1	1	1
Springwood	15	10	10	5	5
Stony Creek	18	8	8	5	4
Tarboro	40	15	15	10	10
Warrenton	8	8	3	2	2
Washington	130	50	50	35	20
Wentworth	18	7	7	3	4
Westminster	75	20	20	15	10
Wilson	6	2	2	2	2
Winston	275	65	65	40	25
Worthville	5	2	2	2	2
Yanceyville	7	4	4	2	2
Totals	$2,564	$1,008	$1,008	$615	$513
Whole amount asked for	$2.500	$1,000	$1,000	$600	$505

MINUTES

OF THE

TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY-NINTH SESSION

OF THE

PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE,

HELD AT

BETHEL CHURCH, GUILFORD COUNTY, N. C.,

AUGUST 28—31, 1889.

RALEIGH, N. C.:
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1889.

MINUTES.

BETHEL CHURCH, GUILFORD CO., N. C.,
Wednesday, August 28, 1889.

The Presbytery of Orange met according to adjournment at 11 A. M. this day, and heard a sermon from the Moderator, the Rev. S. O. Hall, on John, 1st chapter, 42d verse, first clause: "And he brought him to Jesus."

After the sermon the Presbytery was constituted with prayer.

ROLL OF MEMBERS.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES REPRESENTED.
T. U. Faucette		
J. H. Smith, D. D. (2),	S. C. Smith,	Greensboro, 1st.
E. H. Harding, D. D. (3)		
F. H. Johnston, D. D.		
L. C. Vass, D. D.,	Geo. Allen (2),	New Bern.
H. T. Darnall		
Cornelius Miller,	L. M. Stewart,	Alamance.
S. M. Smith, D. D. (2)		
D. I. Craig (2),	R. P. Richardson,	Reidsville.
Wm. F. Thom,	C. E. Houston,	Mount Vernon.
J. N. H. Summerell		
W. F. Wilhelm,	T. H. Wilson,	Little River.
	D. Brown (2),	Fairfield.
S. H. Chester,	T. C. Johnston (2),	Hawfields.
	E. C. Murray,	Cross-Roads.
Alexander Sprunt		
E. W. Smith (2)		
S. O. Hall,	W. G. Anderson,	Madison.
R. P. Pell (2)		
W. R. Coppedge		
R. W. Culbertson,	T. B. Donnell,	Buffalo.
	A. C. Denny,	Bethel.
	W. P. McLean,	Midway.
E. P. Davis,	Stephen Neal,	Winston.
J. H. Lacy		
G. A. Hough		

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES REPRESENTED.
----------	A. G. Clapp (2),	Spring Wood.
----------	Jno. T. Hogan (2),	New Hope.
----------	W. B. Hamner (2),	Lexington.
—22.	—17.	

Forty churches were not represented.

The following ministers were absent, and excused: R. Burwell, D. D., G. W. Ferrill, J. L. Currie, S. H. Isler.

Absent and not heard from: J. M. Atkinson, D. D., J. S. Watkins, D. D., C. N. Morrow, Carr Moore.

The Rev. E. P. Davis was elected Moderator, and Rev. J. Horace Lacy, with Elder W. P. McLean, temporary clerks.

Presbytery then took recess for one hour.

After recess, the reading of the minutes of the last stated meeting was dispensed with on motion, and only the proceedings of the adjourned meeting at New Hope Church were read.

Rev. J. L. Currie was excused from attendance at this meeting, on his request communicated by letter; also the Rev. S. H. Isler.

A call for the pastoral services of Rev. S. M. Smith, D. D., from the First Church of Columbia, S. C., duly certified, was read and, on motion, ordered to be placed in the hands of Dr. Smith. Having signified his acceptance of the call, and it appearing to the satisfaction of Presbytery that his pastoral charge, the church of Washington, concurred in a request for the dissolution of the pastoral relation, he was, on motion, dismissed, with the usual testimonials to connect himself with the Presbytery of Charleston.

Calls from the churches of Little River and Eno for the pastoral services of Rev. W. F. Wilhelm were presented, read and referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies. A call from Griers Church for the pastoral services of Rev. W. R. Coppedge, for one-fourth of his time, was read and referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies.

Mr. J. B. Swann, Licentiate of the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, was received by letter of transfer, under the care of this Presbytery.

The church at Kernersville was, on motion, dissolved, and the remaining members there were transferred to the churches of Lexington and Winston.

A letter from Licentiate C. H. Scott, returning his license to preach, and requesting to be discharged from all obligations thereby conveyed, was received and referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Miller and Vass, with Elder Houston, to report to this meeting.

A report on the standing of Candidate Simon G. Walker, student of the Tuskaloosa Institute, from the Faculty of the institution, was read and received.

A communication from Dr. E. M. Richardson, Secretary of Education, was read and referred to the Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly.

This committee was then announced by the Moderator to be Rev. Messrs. Vass and Darnall, with Elder S. Neal.

Rev. Alex. Sprunt was appointed Treasurer *pro tem.*

Other standing committees were appointed as follows:

Devotional Exercises: Rev. R. W. Culbertson, with Elder A. C. Denny.

Installations: Rev. Messrs. Chester and Hall and Elder Richardson.

Calls and Supplies: Rev. Messrs. Sprunt, Johnston and Summerell, with Elders Smith and Houston.

Rev. Dr. Vass reported a programme of service in behalf of the Sunday-school cause to be held to-morrow at 11 o'clock. The report was accepted and adopted, and the time appointed 1:30 P. M. to-morrow.

Mr. Robert Leslie Wharton, a member of Bethel Church, was introduced to the Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry. His examination on his religious experience, and his motives for seeking the gospel ministry having been sustained as satisfactory, he was received under the care of the Presbytery.

The report on Foreign Missions was made a special order for Thursday at 10 o'clock and the standing order for devotional exercises was postponed until 11 o'clock.

The hours of meeting were fixed as follows: Morning session, 9:30 o'clock to 12:30; afternoon session, 1:30 o'clock, adjourning at will.

Rev. H. T. Darnall, Agent of Publication, made a report, which was received and approved.

A report from Licentiate C. H. Scott, touching his labor, was read and referred to the special committee above appointed to consider his request touching his license to preach.

Rev. Messrs. Chester and Darnall, Commissioners to the General Assembly, being called upon, reported their attendance and discharge of duty. These reports were received, and the diligence of the Commissioners commended.

Messrs. McIver and Womack reported by letter their attendance also as Commissioners. These reports were received, and diligence commended.

The death, since the last meeting, of Rev. Dr. Charles Phillips, member of this Presbytery, was announced; whereupon the Rev. Messrs. Wilhelm and Harding, with Elder Smith, were appointed a committee to bring in a suitable minute for adoption by this meeting.

The committee to install Rev. J. L. Currie pastor at Stony Creek reported the duty not yet performed. The committee was continued, Rev. W. F. Wilhelm being substituted in the place of Rev. S. H. Chester on the committee.

The committee to install Rev. J. L. Currie pastor at Spring Wood reported the duty performed on Sunday, the 9th of June. The report was received and the committee discharged.

Rev. Dr. Johnston, appointed to duty at New Hope Church (see minutes 238th session, page 87), reported the duty performed. The report was received and approved.

Rev. Alex. Sprunt was, on motion, re-elected trustee of Davidson College for a term of five years.

On motion, Mr. J. R. Young, of Henderson, was appointed to write a sketch of the Church in that place.

The committee to install Rev. R. W. Culbertson pastor of Midway Church reported the duty performed on Saturday, June

29th. The report was received and the committee discharged.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, August 29.

The Presbytery met at 9:30 o'clock and was opened with prayer.

A call from Fairfield Church for the pastoral services of Rev. W. F. Wilhelm, for one-eighth of his time, was read and referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies.

The committee appointed at the last meeting to consider and report on the propriety of assenting to the plan of the Synod's committee for the redistribution of territory, and of the division of this Presbytery, presented a report unanimously signed by the committee, and recommending the adoption of the Synod's plan with certain conditions. Pending discussion of this report, the time having arrived for the hearing of the report on Foreign Missions, it was read and received. A call from Washington Church for the pastoral services of Rev. J. H. Lacy was read and referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies.

Elder T. C. Johnston, Hawfields Church, was excused for tardiness and enrolled.

Presbytery here took recess to attend public worship.

After recess, Rev. Messrs. J. H. Smith and E. W. Smith and Elder A. G. Clapp, Spring Wood Church, were excused for tardiness and enrolled.

Rev. W. P. McCorkle, of Mecklenburg Presbytery, was invited to sit as a corresponding member, and introduced to the Presbytery.

Elder W. B. Hamner, Lexington Church, was excused for tardiness and enrolled.

Rev. S. H. Chester tendered his resignation of his pastoral charge of Hawfields and Cross-Roads Churches, with the view of accepting a call to become pastor of the church in Franklin, Tenn. Commissioners of the churches present having been heard, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Presbytery that the churches united with the pastor in his request, the relation was dissolved, and Mr. Chester was, at his own request, dismissed to the Presbytery of Nashville.

Rev. Messrs. S. M. Smith and Chester were appointed to declare their respective charges vacant.

Rev. P. H. Dalton was at his own request dismissed to connect himself with the Presbytery of Concord.

At their request the Hawfields and Cross-Roads Churches were permitted to employ Rev. Geo. L. Cook for the present as Stated Supply.

The examination of certain new candidates was made the second order for this afternoon.

It was, on motion, ordered that twenty-five dollars per annum be appropriated from the funds collected for the Tuskaloosa Institute for the support of Candidate S. G. Walker while he is a student of the institution.

The hour having arrived, Presbytery took recess for one hour.

After recess, Rev. Dr. Burwell was, at his own written request, excused from attendance at this meeting, and for non-attendance at the last meeting of Presbytery.

The special order, Sabbath-schools, was reconsidered, and appointed for Saturday at 11 o'clock A. M.

The Committee on Calls and Supplies reported, recommending that the calls from Little River Church for one Sabbath in the month, and from Eno and Fairfield Churches for one Sabbath between them, be placed in the hands of Rev. W. F. Wilhelm. Adopted.

Mr. Wilhelm having signified his acceptance of these calls, the Committee on Installations was directed to arrange for his installation. The same committee also recommended that the calls from Yanceyville and Griers Churches for one Sabbath each be placed in the hands of Rev. W. R. Coppedge. Adopted.

Mr. Coppedge asked and received permission to retain these calls in his hands until the spring meeting.

The committee also recommended that the call from Washington Church be placed in the hands of Rev. J. H. Lacy. Adopted.

Messrs. W. K. Forsyth, member of Alamance Church, and John Wakefield, member of Westminster Church, were introduced to the Presbytery as candidates for the ministry. They were carefully examined both on their religious experience and their reasons for seeking the office of the gospel ministry, and, the examination having been sustained as satisfactory, they were received under the care of the Presbytery and commended to the care of the Committee on Education.

The discussion was now resumed on the report of the committee recommending the formation of a new Presbytery according to the plan of the Synod's committee, when the motion to adopt being put to the vote was lost.

It was resolved, on motion, that hereafter the various agents of the Presbytery, except the Agent of Home Missions, who is elected annually, be elected for a definite term not to exceed three years.

Tarboro was chosen as the place of the next meeting.

Leave of absence was granted after to-day to Rev. J. H. Lacy and Elder Richardson.

Committee on Installations reported the following, which was adopted:

1. That Rev. H. T. Darnall and F. H. Johnston, D. D., be appointed a committee to install Mr. Wilhelm at Little River.

2. That Rev. Messrs. Currie and Lacy be appointed to install him at Eno and Fairfield, the times of the installations to be arranged between the committees and the churches.

The following committee was appointed to nominate candidates for the Agencies of Publication, Education, Foreign Missions and Sunday-schools: Rev. Mr. Summerell and Elder Smith.

Horeb Church was, on motion, dropped from the roll.

Rev. Dr. F. H. Johnston was appointed to visit the Oxford Church at his earliest convenience, in view of the divisions reported as existing in that church, and to confer with the brethren there concerning the establishment of harmony amongst them.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, August 30.

Presbytery met at 9:30 o'clock and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and approved.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly made a report, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly respectfully submit the following report to the Presbytery of Orange:

I. *P. 594.* We call attention to the deliverance about the relation of Stated Supply; and recommend that Presbytery bring all its churches into conformity therewith.

II. *Sabbath-schools.*

P. 602. We recommend that

1. The session of every church be again urged to see that an efficient Sabbath-school be conducted within its jurisdiction, and that full and accurate reports be sent up.

2. That the Sabbath-school publications of our own Church be more extensively used.

III. PP. *606–7. Organized Societies within and without the Church.*

We recommend that this whole subject be referred to a committee of three to consider and report to the spring meeting of Presbytery.

IV. *P. 612. Sections 1 and 3.*

1. *Resolved*, That the Presbytery adopt this recommendation, and that to carry it into effect a committee be raised at each meeting of the Presbytery, of which the agent of Home Missions shall be chairman.

3. We recommend that this action of the Assembly as to the work of the sessions be sent down to the session of every church with the hearty endorsement of Presbytery.

V. *Revised Directory. P. 613.*

Recommend that the Revised Directory be referred to a committee consisting of two ministers and one Ruling Elder, to report at the spring meeting.

VI. *Education.* PP. *616 and 617.*

At the request of the Secretary of Education we call the special attention of Presbytery to resolutions 2, 3 and 5.

Also to No. 7, the change of the day of prayer for youth to the last Thursday of February, and recommend that the churches be notified of this change.

Also recommend that we endeavor to raise this year $750, our proportion as recommended by the Assembly, and that this sum be apportioned among the churches at this session, and they be promptly notified of their respective amounts.

VII. *P. 619, Section 2. Collections.*

1. Recommend that Presbytery send down the injunction to the churches.

2. That the churches be urged to follow, as far as practicable, the Assembly's plan of collections.

VIII. *Day of Prayer. P. 622.*

Recommend adoption of resolutions 1 and 2, with the change of day to the fourth Sabbath of October. L. C. VASS, Chm'n,

For Committee.

Recess was taken until after public worship.

After recess, Rev. Messrs. Darnall, Wilhelm, Hall, Thom, and Elders Hogan, Wilson, Brown, Murray, Anderson, Smith and Houston were excused from further attendance after to-day.

Mr. H. Watson Smith, member of Greensboro First Church, was introduced as a candidate for the gospel ministry, and was examined on experimental religion and the motives for seeking the ministry. This examination having been sustained as satisfactory, he was received under the care of the Presbytery as a candidate, and enrolled as such.

The Presbytery then passed to the consideration of Home Missions.

The Agent, Rev. Alex. Sprunt, made his report.

The following recommendations of the report were adopted:

1. That Haywood Church be transferred to the charge of Rev. Wm. F. Thom.

2. That Presbytery adjourn to meet at Nahalah Church on Friday before the fifth Sunday in September, at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Sprunt then tendered his resignation as Agent of Home Missions.

The General Evangelist, Dr. F. H. Johnston, then read his report, and was followed by the Evangelists W. F. Thom, R. P. Pell, W. R. Coppedge and J. N. H. Summerell.

The report of G. A. Hough, Evangelist in the Randolph field, was presented and read; also a report verbally made by Mr. Pell for Mr. Swann, Evangelist-elect of the Nahalah field.

All these reports were received and filed.

The Moderator announced as the committees called for in the report on the Minutes of the General Assembly:

1. On Organized Societies within and without the church, etc.—Rev. Messrs. Darnall, Summerell, Watkins, with Elder W. S. Primrose.

2. On Revised Directory for Worship—Rev. Messrs. Johnston, Harding, with Elder S. C. Smith.

The committee to make nominations for the various agencies made a report, recommending

1. That Rev. Cornelius Miller be elected chairman of the Executive Committee on Education, *vice* Rev. Dr. J. H. Smith.

2. That Rev. E. P. Davis be appointed Agent of Publication and Colportage, *vice* Rev. H. T. Darnall.

3. That Rev. R. P. Pell be appointed Agent of Sabbath-schools, *vice* Rev. L. C. Vass, D. D.

4. That Rev. E. W. Smith be appointed Agent of Foreign Missions, *vice* Rev. J. L. Currie.

The Commissioners appointed to visit the Mount Vernon Church made the following report, which was approved and ordered to be recorded:

The Commission appointed to consider and decide in the case of the complaint of Mrs. M. C. Lane, member of Mount Vernon Springs Church, against the Session of said church, would report that three of the Commission, Ruling Elder John C. Wharton, Rev. Egbert W. Smith and Rev. Cornelius Miller, the latter acting as chairman, met the parties at Mount Vernon Springs Church on June 25th, at 3 P. M.

We gave a patient hearing to the whole matter, following the order prescribed in Rules of Discipline, chap. 13, sec. 4, and now give our decision.

In regard to the matter of the location of the grave-yard, although the members of said Session may be fully convinced that the burial ground

has not, in the least degree, injured the property of Mrs. Lane, and although they may not have been under any legal obligation whatever to have acted differently—and we have no desire to censure their action—yet we feel constrained to express our opinion that the church and Session should have deferred somewhat more to her wishes either by removing the graves to a more distant part of the grounds or by securing disinterested parties, *in whose judgment Mrs. Lane had confidence*, to decide the question whether the graves contaminated her well, and by taking special pains, in the exercise of their charity, to satisfy her mind in regard to the matter.

In regard to the school difficulty, while we think Mrs. Lane is clearly wrong in putting so much responsibility upon Bro. Thom for causing her to lose the position of music teacher, and while we exonerate Bro. Thom from all evil intent of any kind whatsoever, yet we think it would have been better if he had expressed to Mrs. Lane herself the same opinion that he expressed to the principal of the school. We do not, however, charge Bro. Thom with doing anything in regard to the matter which, as a patron of the school, he had not a perfect right to do, nor do we believe that he entertained any unkind feeling for Mrs. Lane when he expressed himself as he did.

In regard to her complaint that Bro. J. A. Houston had robbed her of the means of support by seeking and obtaining for himself the position of Postmaster, we think it is one of those unfortunate circumstances in which the interests of individuals clash, Col. Houston considering himself justifiable on the ground that Mrs. Lane had some time previously resigned the position, and further that he had incurred the expense of erecting buildings which had been occupied for this purpose by Mrs. Lane's successor. It is simply as stated above—one of those unfortunate circumstances in which individual interests clash, and in which, so far as we can see, there appears no sufficient ground for charging Bro. J. A. Houston with intentional wrong-doing, while at the same time we believe that a greater exercise of Christian love on both sides was to have been desired. We further think that Mrs. Lane, from her own stand-point, was not justifiable in absenting herself from the ordinances of God's house, and that the Session could not have done otherwise than suspend her. We are also of the opinion that the Session did not make as earnest an effort as they should have made to carry out the injunction of Presbytery for a settlement of the matter in the spirit of Christian love.

In conclusion, the Commission would recommend to the members of church and Session and to the complainant to forgive one another all real or fancied wrongs, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven us, and to exercise more of that Christian love that thinketh no evil, that suffereth long and is kind, and that endureth all things.

It is gratifying to your Commissioners to be able to add that, after the reading of the above report, a public and, we believe, a sincere and last-

ing reconciliation was effected between the variant parties, and, the Session meeting immediately, Mrs. Lane was restored to full communion in the Mount Vernon Church.

Respectfully submitted,

CORNELIUS MILLER, *Chairman*,
JOHN C. WHARTON,
EGBERT W. SMITH.

Rev. Dr. E. H. Harding appeared in the Presbytery and was enrolled on rendering satisfactory excuse for late attendance.

The time of the next stated meeting at Tarboro was appointed to be Wednesday, the 16th of April, 1890, at 7:30 P. M.

Rev. Messrs. Pell, Coppedge, Faucette, Harding and Summerell were excused from further attendance after to-day.

On motion, the salary of Rev. R. P. Pell, Evangelist, was increased by an addition of one hundred dollars.

Rev. Messrs. Sprunt, Craig and Miller were appointed a committee to nominate ministers for the oversight of vacant churches, according to recommendation of the General Assembly.

The committee to prepare a minute on the death of Rev. Charles Phillips, D. D., reported the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Presbytery has heard with deep sorrow of the death of our beloved brother, the late Dr. Charles Phillips, and would record the high esteem and tender love in which he was held by every member of the body. We will revere his memory as a true and genial friend, and as an humble, earnest, Christian minister. We lift up our hearts in gratitude to God for the long and useful life of our departed brother, and bow in humble submission to His will in removing His servant from his labors and sufferings on earth to that glorious "rest that remaineth to the people of God." We feel that our loss is his eternal gain.

We hereby express our tender sympathy to the bereaved family of the deceased, and earnestly invoke the blessing and support of Almighty God upon them in this sore affliction.

On motion, it was ordered that Rev. Alexander Sprunt, the Agent for Home Missions of Orange Presbytery, be, and he is hereby, authorized to borrow seven hundred and fifty dollars ($750) for the uses of Evangelistic Work in the Presbytery.

Mr. Sprunt's resignation of his office as Agent of Home Missions was then, by a unanimous vote, not accepted.

The reports from Missionary Supplies were then heard. (Minutes, page 83).

A paper setting forth the reasons of the action of the Presbytery in withholding its assent to the scheme of division of its territory, as proposed by the committee of Synod, was offered, adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the Synod.

Rev. W. P. McCorkle obtained permission to labor in the bounds of this Presbytery at Lexington and High Point until the spring meeting.

The following paper was adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the Presbytery return its hearty thanks to the congregation of Bethel Church for their cordial and elegant hospitality; to the various railroads for their courtesies in affording us reduced rates of travel; that the pastor of this church be requested to read the above resolution to the congregation.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Dr. Johnston be re-elected to fill the office of General Evangelist until the spring meeting of Presbytery, with the understanding that he give special attention to the stimulating of churches and the collection of funds for the general work, for his own salary, and also that he give preaching and other attention to vacant churches as opportunity presents.

The Presbytery then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, August 31.

The Presbytery met at 9:30 o'clock and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The committee to consider the request of Licentiate C. H. Scott presented a report, which was amended and adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, A communication has been received from Licentiate C. H. Scott returning his certificate of licensure to the Presbytery, with the statement that he finds it "impossible to maintain a good conscience towards God in the continued and unquestioning support of the doctrines of the Westminster Standard as received by us," and with the request that "you will at once discharge me from all obligations connected with the same,"

Resolved, That we do hereby receive the certificate returned and entirely rescind all authority heretofore granted, according to our records, to Mr. Scott as a licentiate, and that his name be erased from the roll of licentiates.

Resolved, That as Mr. Scott informs Presbytery that he has administered the ordinance of baptism as a licentiate, that we inform him he transcended the authority involved in his licensure, according to our Form of Government.

Resolved, That however much we regret the erroneous views held and expressed to us by Mr. Scott, we hereby express our confidence in his Christian character and pray that God's blessing may rest upon him.

It was ordered that the Presbytery hold an adjourned meeting in the city of Charlotte during the sessions of the Synod at the call of the Moderator.

The Committee on Assessments and Apportionments asked leave to increase the apportionment of the churches for the Home Missions and Evangelistic funds *fifty per cent.*

On motion, after debate, the committee was authorized to increase the present apportionment at the rate asked for.

The committee to make provision for the supply of vacant churches according to the suggestion of the General Assembly reported, recommending the following ministers to the churches named, viz.:

CHAPEL HILL	Dr. Watkins.
NEW HOPE	Dr. Johnston.
OXFORD	H. T. Darnall.
GENEVA	Alex. Sprunt.
HAWFIELDS	Dr. Harding.
CROSS-ROADS	J. H. Lacy.
WASHINGTON	J. N. H. Summerell.
LAGRANGE	Dr. Vass.

The order of the day for 11 o'clock—Sunday-school work—was then taken up according to the programme.

Addresses were made by Rev. E. P. Davis and Rev. Alex. Sprunt, followed by other brethren.

Recess was then taken until 2 P. M.

After recess, the following Missionary Supplies were ordered:

For Chatham Field—Rev. Messrs. Miller, Watkins and Darnall.
For Caswell Field—Rev. Messrs. E. W. Smith and Lacy.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Nahalah Church on Friday, the 27th of September, at 11 o'clock.

Closed with singing, prayer and the apostolic benediction.

(Signed) J. H. LACY,
W. P. McLEAN,
Temp. Clerks.

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON,
Stated Clerk.

MINUTES OF THE AJDOURNED MEETING AT NAHALAH CHURCH.

NAHALAH CHURCH, HALIFAX COUNTY, N. C.,
Friday, September 27, 1889.

The hour, 11 o'clock A. M., having arrived to which the Presbytery had adjourned, the Rev. Alex. Sprunt and Mr. W. T. Whitehead, Ruling Elder of Nahalah Church, being the only members present, the time of meeting was postponed until 3 P. M. in order to give opportunity for the assembling of a quorum.

3 P. M.—At 3 o'clock the following members were present: Rev. Messrs. Sprunt and Pell, Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D., with Elder W. T. Whitehead, whereupon the Presbytery organized by calling Rev. Alex. Sprunt to the chair as Moderator *pro tem.* Constituted with prayer.

Presbytery proceeded immediately to the examination of Licentiate J. B. Swann with a view to his ordination to the office of Evangelist. He was first examined on his acquaintance with Experimental Religion, which examination was sustained as satisfactory.

He was next examined on Moral Philosophy, which examination was also sustained as satisfactory.

His examination in Systematic Theology was then begun, pending which, the hour for adjournment having arrived, it was suspended.

Ordered, that the trial sermon of the candidate be heard to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

The Scripture assigned to the candidate as a text for the sermon was taken from Zechariah, 12th chapter and 10th verse.

Presbytery then adjourned with prayer until to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

SATURDAY, 9:30 A. M.

The Presbytery met and was opened with prayer. Members present as on yesterday.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The examination of Mr. Swann in Theology was resumed and finished, and approved as satisfactory.

The candidate then preached his trial sermon according to the order made on yesterday.

After the sermon the candidate was examined in the Greek and Hebrew languages, which examination was sustained as satisfactory.

He was then examined on the Sacraments, pending which examination recess was taken until 3 P. M.

After recess, the Presbytery met and examined the candidate on Ecclesiastical History, and the examination was approved.

His examination on the Sacraments was then resumed, finished, and approved.

He was then examined in Church Government and the examination sustained.

The candidate's sermon this morning was then approved as satisfactory part of trial.

On motion, the examinations of the candidate were approved as a whole, and the following order for his ordination was taken, viz.:

The ordination service to be held to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock, the Moderator to preside and propound the questions and deliver the charge to the Evangelist, Rev. Mr. Pell to offer the ordaining prayer and Rev. Dr. Johnston to preach the sermon.

Presbytery then adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10:30 o'clock to meet in private session in the school-house near the church. Closed with prayer.

SABBATH, September 29.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

Rumors affecting the Christian character and standing of W. T. Whitehead as a member and Ruling Elder of Nahalah Church, charging him with habitual intemperance during the past two or three years, having come to the knowledge of the Presbytery, and inasmuch also as the Presbytery was satisfied from the circumstances of the case of the incompetency of the Session of the church to try and issue the case satisfactorily, it was resolved that the Presbytery itself take up the matter. Mr. Whitehead then being informed of the charge against him, and the scandal caused by his conduct, was called upon to answer. Mr. Whitehead, in his statement, confessed his guilt, and promised to submit to any judgment the Presbytery might see proper to render in his case.

Presbytery then proceeded to take the opinions of the members present, after which the following was adopted as the judgment of the Presbytery in the case, viz.:

That Mr. Whitehead's relation as Ruling Elder to the Nahalah Church be and is hereby dissolved; and that he be and is hereby suspended from the privileges of a communicant until such time as he shall, to the satisfaction of the proper court, give evidence of repentance and reformation.

The Moderator then announced the decision of the court.

Presbytery directed that a meeting of the congregation of Nahalah be called at an early day for the purpose of electing another Ruling Elder.

Recess was then taken to meet in the church, when a sermon was preached by Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D., after which the Moderator put the questions to the candidate as provided by the Constitution, all which having been satisfactorily answered, the candidate was solemnly set apart by prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery after the apostolic example to the full work of the gospel ministry as an Evangelist.

The Moderator then delivered a suitable charge to the newly-ordained Evangelist.

The name of John B. Swann was then enrolled as a member of Orange Presbytery.

Presbytery then, on motion, after reading and approval of the minutes, adjourned with prayer to meet in Charlotte, N. C., during the meeting of Synod at the call of the Moderator.

(Signed) ALEX. SPRUNT,
Moderator.

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON,
Stated Clerk.

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ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

Summary.

Elders	146
Deacons	128
Professions	342
Certificate	98
Total Communicants	3,711
Adult Baptisms	131
Infant Baptisms	92
Baptised Non-Communicants	694
Teachers	281
Scholars	2,413

Contributions.

Sustentation Proper	$ 582.21
Church Erection	190.56
Evangelistic	878.69
Invalid Fund	173.85
Foreign Missions	1,579.64
Education	366.58
Publication	108.87
Tuskaloosa Institute	81.30
Beneficence	$3,961.70
Presbyterial	$ 245.75
Salaries paid	13,118.06
Congregational	23,825.85
Miscellaneous	983.60
	$38,173.26
	3,961.70
Grand Total	$42,134.96

MINUTES OF ADJOURNED MEETING AT CHARLOTTE, N. C.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., OCT. 8th, 1889.

The Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator, Rev. E. P. Davis, in the First Presbyterian Church, upon adjournment of the Synod, and was opened with prayer.

Present—Revs. J. H. Smith, D. D., Sam'l M. Smith, D. D., F. H. Johnston, D. D., L. C. Vass, D. D., E. H. Harding, D. D., C. Miller, Alexander Sprunt, E. P. Davis, *et al*, with elders W. G. Smith, H. Foard, *et al.*

Rev. W. D. Morton, member of Lafayette Presbytery, presented a letter of dismission to this body, and after the prescribed examination on experimental religion, and his doctrinal soundness, which was approved, he was received and enrolled as a member of this Presbytery.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet to-morrow at 12:30 o'clock in the Lecture room. Closed with prayer.

OCTOBER 9th, 12:30 O'CLOCK.

Members of Presbytery met at time and place appointed, when by general consent the meeting was postponed until to-morrow at the same hour and place.

OCTOBER 10th, 12:30 O'CLOCK.

Presbytery met, and a quorum being present, was opened with prayer.

Rev. W. P. McCorkle, after an approved examination, as required by the constitution, was received and enrolled as a member of this Presbytery, upon a letter of dismission to this body from the Presbytery of Mecklenburg.

Calls were presented from the churches of Hawfields and Cross Roads for the pastoral services of Rev. G. A. Wilson, of Lexington Presbytery. These calls being found in order, the Stated Clerk was directed to certify the fact, and and the churches named obtained permis-

sion to prosecute the calls before the Presbytery of Lexington.

Revs. Alex. Sprunt, F. H. Johnston, D. D., J. Henry Smith, D. D., J. C. McMullen (Wilmington Presbytery), and Elder W. S. Moore were appointed a committee to consider and formulate the action necessary to be taken by the Presbytery, in view of the setting off of the new Presbytery in its territory, by the action of the Synod.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow at same place and hour. Closed with prayer.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., OCT. 11th, 1889.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer.

The committee appointed on yesterday reported as follows, which was adopted:

The committee appointed to suggest some action for Presbytery concerning the organization of the New Presbytery, would report as follows, viz:

1. That the debt of $750.00 resting on our Home Mission work be divided, so that the new Presbytery will pay $190 of this amount and the Presbytery of Orange $560, and all other moneys in the treasury at the time of the formation of the new Presbytery in the same proportion. This division is made on the basis of membership.

2. That as Rev. Dr. Johnston was continued in his present capacity as General Evangelist till the Spring meeting of Presbytery, we recommend that he be continued in office irrespective of presbyterial lines, for the time specified.

3. That the Presbytery of Orange meet in Graham church (in Spring session) April 16th, 1890, at 7:30 P. M.

(Signed) ALEX. SPRUNT
And the Committee.

W. S. Primrose, treasurer, tendered by letter, his resignation, which was accepted and a vote of acknowledgement of his fidelity made.

Mr. Wm. S. Moore, Ruling Elder of the Greensboro First Church, was then elected treasurer of Presbytery until the Spring meeting.

Rev. D. I. Craig was elected agent of Home Missions until the Spring Meeting, on and after the 1st day of December, *vice* Rev. Alex. Sprunt.

Rev. R. W. Culbertson was elected agent of Sabbath Schools until the Spring meeting, *vice* Rev. R. P. Pell.

John C. Wharton, Ruling Elder of Westminster Church, was substituted for S. C. Smith on the Executive Committee of Education.

Rev. J. Horace Lacy by letter announced his declination of the call from the Washington church which had been placed in his hands at the Fall meeting.

The minutes were then read and approved and Presbytery adjourned to meet in Graham, April 16th, 1890.

Attest— F. H. JOHNSTON,
Stated Clerk.

Pro Re Nata Meeting at Greensboro, N. C.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 18th, 1889.

The Presbytery of Orange met in the lecture room of the First Presbyterian church, in accordance with the following call of the Moderator, which was read, viz:

Winston, N. C., Dec. 2nd, 1889.

The requirements of the Constitution having been complied with, I hereby call a special meeting of Orange Presbytery to be held in the lecture room of the First Church, Greensboro, Dec. 18th, at 11 A. M., to consider (1) the request of Dr. Harding for the dissolution of the pastoral relation between himself and the Graham church, and (2) the debt of Presbytery to its missionaries, and the possible re-arrangement of its Evangelistic fields.

E. P. DAVIS, *Moderator.*

The following ministers were present and enrolled, viz: F. H. Johnston, D. D., J. H. Smith, D. D., E. H. Harding, D. D., C. Miller, D. I. Craig, J. S. Currie, E. W. Smith, and R. W. Culbertson. Ruling elders present: W. S. Moore, First Church, Greensboro, J. C. Wharton, Westminster, and T. B. Donnell, Buffalo.

Dr. Johnston was elected Moderator, *pro tem*, and Rev. R. W. Culbertson, Clerk. Opened with prayer.

Dr. E. H. Harding requested a dissolution of the pastoral relation between himself and the Graham church.

A properly certified letter was read, stating that the congregation reluctantly consented to the dissolution.

On motion the relation was dissolved.

Rev. J. L. Currie was given the oversight of the Graham church until the Spring meeting of Presbytery, and appointed to declare it vacant.

Report was made by W. S. Moore, Treasurer, as to the condition of the finances; also a statement was made by the General Evangelist as to payment of his own salary.

The treasurer was instructed to pay of money in hand $50 to Dr. Johnston for traveling expenses.

A request was read from Westminster church asking permission so to alter the terms of their call to Rev. E. W. Smith as to read, "the whole," instead of "three-fourths" of his time, (as at present), and to make an addition of $150 to his present salary. The communication was put into the hands of Mr. Craig, agent of Home Missions, and he was empowered to make such arrangements as might be deemed advisable.

At his request, Dr. Harding was dismissed to the Presbytery of West Hanover.

The treasurer was instructed to pay this Presbytery's proportion of cost of publication of the minutes of the Fall meeting, viz: $18.65; also the balance due, according to agreement from this Presbytery to the Albemarle Presbytery, viz: $9.60.

Resolved further, that Presbytery assume its proportion of the debt in the Leaksville Bank, viz: $427.50.

Dr. Johnston, General Evangelist, was requested to visit the field in the western part of the Presbytery, before the Spring meeting.

The agent of Home Missions was instructed to notify the churches of their apportionment to the support of the Synodical Evangelist.

After reading and correcting the minutes, the Presbytery adjourned. Closed with prayer.

(Signed) R. W. CULBERTSON,
Temporary Clerk.

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON,
Stated Clerk.

MINUTES

OF THE

TWO HUNDRED AND FORTIETH SESSION OF

ORANGE PRESBYTERY,

HELD AT GRAHAM, N. C., APRIL 16TH–19TH, 1890.

GRAHAM, N. C., APRIL 16th, 1890.

Presbytery met at 7:30 P. M., and heard a sermon by the Moderator, Rev. E. P. Davis, from Zech. 4:6, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

After sermon, the Presbytery was constituted with prayer. The following ministers and elders were enrolled, viz:

Ministers.	*Elders.*	*Churches.*
T. U. Faucette, (2)		Milton.
		Red House.
J. H. Smith, D. D., (4)	Dr. R. F. Robertson,	Greensboro, 1st.
F. H. Johnston, D. D.		
H. T. Darnall, (3)		Durham.
Cornelius Miller.	R. A. Gilmer, (2)	Alamance.
	J. M. Wharton, (3)	Jamestown.
	J. L. Hayne.	Speedwell.
Jas. L. Currie.	J. D. Bason, (2)	Burlington.
	D. G. Clapp, (4)	Springwood.
	J. L. Wilson.	Stoney Creek.
D. I. Craig, (2)	Col. Jas. Irvin, (2)	Reidsville.
	J. W. Milner.	Oak Forest.
W. F. Wilhelm.	C. E. Parrish.	Hillsboro.
	D. S. Allison.	Little River.
		Eno.
	David Thompson, (2)	Fairfield.
E. W. Smith.	Chas. Lewis.	Westminster.
		Mt. Airy.
S. O. Hall.	J. V. Price.	Madison.
	Hiram Foard.	Leaksville.
	T. A. Ratliffe.	Wentworth.

Ministers.	*Elders.*	*Churches.*
W. R. Coppedge.		Yanceyville.
		Griers.
		Bethesda.
R. W. Culbertson.	David Wharton, (2)	Buffalo.
	J. W. McLean, (2)	Bethel.
	A. T. Whitsett.	Midway.
E. P. Davis.	T. J. Brown, (2)	Winston.
J. H. Lacy.		Mebaneville.
		Bethlehem.
W. P. McCorkle.	T. C. Ford.	Lexington.
		High Point.
	A. D. Craig, (2)	Hawfields.
	W. J. Murray, (2)	Cross Roads.
	Col. T. M. Holt, (2)	Graham.
		Chapel Hill.
	W. C. Claytor, (2)	New Hope.
		Wilkesboro.
	(No Session.)	Elkin.

Rev. E. W. Smith was elected Moderator, and Rev. W. P. McCorkle and Elder Hiram Foard, Temporary Clerks.

It was ordered that the hours of daily sessions should be as follows: Presbytery to convene at 9:30 A. M., and continue in session till 1 P. M. Meet again at 3 P. M. and adjourn at will.

Presbytery then adjourned. Closed with prayer.

THURSDAY, 9:30 A. M.

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer. The minutes of the last stated meeting and the intervening called meetings were read and approved.

The following Standing Committees were appointed:

1. *On Narrative to General Assembly and Synod*—Revs. C. Miller, J. L. Currie and Elder J. L. Hayne.

2. *On Systematic Benevolence*—Revs. S. O. Hall, W. P. McCorkle and Elder A. T. Whitsett.

3. *On Sessional Duties*—Revs. E. P. Davis, R. W. Culbertson and Elder W. C. Claytor.

4. On Sessional Records—

1st Section—Rev. J. H. Lacy, Elder Jas. Irvin.
2nd " " W. R. Coppedge, Elder J. V. Price.
3rd " " W. F. Wilhelm, Elder J. W. Milner.

5. To Audit Treasurer's Account—Elders T. A. Ratliffe and T. C. Foard.

6. On Minutes of Synod—Revs. R. W. Culbertson, J. L. Currie, and Elder Dr. R. F. Robertson.

7. On Devotional Exercises—Rev. J. L. Currie and Elder T. M. Holt.

8. On Installations—Rev. H. T. Darnall, and Elders C. E. Parrish and D. S. Allison.

9. On Calls and Supplies—Revs. D. I. Craig, H. T. Darnall, C. Miller, W. R. Coppedge, and Elder J. V. Price.

10. On Leave of Absence—Revs. R. W. Culbertson, J. H. Lacy, and C. Miller.

11. To Nominate Ministers for Oversight of Vacant Churches —Revs. W. F. Wilhelm, and S. O. Hall.

A letter was read from Rev. C. N. Morrow giving reasons for absence from this meeting of Presbytery.

A communication was received from the secretaries of the Assembly's Committee of Foreign Missions, which was referred to a committee consisting of Revs. E. P. Davis, J. H. Lacy and Elder Jas. Irvin, with instructions to report, recommending such action as may be deemed advisable.

A communication was received from Reidsville church asking permission to alter the terms of their call from "three-fourths" to "all of the time" of their pastor, to take effect June 1st, 1890, and from $625.00 and manse to $900 and manse. Referred to the committee on Calls and Supplies.

Mr. Charles Rankin, of the First Church, Greensboro, was introduced as a candidate for the ministry, and after examination as to his personal piety and motives for seeking the ministry, was received under care of the Presbytery and his name enrolled.

The treasurer's report, with accompanying statements,

was received and referred to the committee on Treasurer's Account.

The report of the Trustees of Presbytery was received, approved and placed on file.

A committee, consisting of Revs. C. Miller, T. U. Faucette and R. W. Culbertson, was appointed to prepare a report on Systematic Beneficence, to be forwarded to the General Assembly.

Applications from various churches for the services of stated supplies were read and referred to the committee on calls and supplies.

Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D., tendered his resignation as Stated Clerk, which was accepted, and the following resolution was unanimously adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Presbytery be given to Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D., for the long and eminently faithful services rendered us as Stated Clerk, and while deeply deploring his necessary separation from us, we, with all brotherly love, commend him to God, and pray that he may be richly blessed in his new field.

Rev. P. H. Fleming, of the Christian Church, was introduced, and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Leave was granted Rev. W. R. Coppedge to hold the calls from Yanceyville and Grier's churches till the next meeting of Presbytery.

Narratives on the State of Religion were received from the various churches and referred to the Committee on Narrative to the General Assembly and Synod.

Rev. G. A. Wilson, of the Presbytery of Lexington, was introduced and invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Letters of dismission from Lexington Presbytery transferring Rev. G. A. Wilson to this Presbytery were read, and after examination as to experimental religion and his views in Theology and Church government, he was received as a member of this body and his name enrolled.

Dr. R. F. Robertson, of the First Church, Greensboro, was appointed treasurer, *pro tem.*

Rev. C. Miller, chairman of the Committee of Education, presented his report, which was received and referred to a committee consisting of Revs. C. Miller, J. H. Lacy and Elder David Wharton, to consider such matters in the report as demand the action of Presbytery.

The hour appointed having arrived, Presbytery suspended business to engage in Devotional Exercises.

After Devotional Exercises Presbytery proceeded to receive nominations for Commissioners to the General Assembly. The following nominations were made:—*Ministers*—Revs. W. F. Wilhelm, S. O. Hall and E. W. Smith. *Elders*—Dr. J. A. McLean, David Wharton and T. J. Brown.

The election of Commissioners was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Presbytery then took recess till 3 P. M.

AFTER RECESS.

Presbytery convened and was called to order by the Moderator.

The committee appointed to install Rev. J. L. Currie at Stony Creek, reported the duty performed, and the commitee to install Rev. W. F. Wilhelm at Fairfield and Eno churches reported that duty performed.

Rev. Dr. Johnston presented the report of the committee on the Revised Directory for Worship, which was docketed to be taken up to-morrow immediately after the consideration of Home Missions.

A call from the High Point church for the pastoral services of Rev. W. P. McCorkle, for half of his time, was presented and referred to the committee on Calls and Supplies.

Presbytery then proceeded to the election of an agent of Home Missions, *vice* Rev. Alex. Sprunt, and also of a stated clerk, *vice* Rev. Dr. Johnston, resigned.

Rev. D. I. Craig was then elected as agent of Home Missions and Rev. H. T. Darnall, stated clerk.

Winston was chosen as the place and Oct. 22d, 1890, at 7 P. M. as the time for the next stated meeting.

The consideration of the matter of Trustees of Davidson College was deferred to the fall meeting.

Mr. L. Banks Holt was elected trustee of the Presbytery, *vice* Mr. E. R. Stamps, now in Albemarle Presbytery.

Revs. Dr. Johnston, D. I. Craig and Dr. J. A. McLean were appointed a committee to fill vacancies in the standing committees.

Rev. C. Miller, of committee on the Sabbath, made a report which was received and approved.

Adjourned to meet at 9:30 to-morrow morning. Closed with prayer.

GRAHAM, N. C., FRIDAY, 18th APRIL, 9:30 A. M.

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved. The committee to which was referred the communication from the Assembly's Secretaries of Foreign Missions reported as follows, and the report was made the special order after divine services to-night:

The special committee to which was referred the communication from the Assembly's Secretaries of Foreign Missions beg leave to offer the following recommendations for the adoption of the Presbytery:

I. That special prayer be offered for the outpouring of the Spirit upon the church at home and abroad.

II. That before the regular collection in May, the attention of all our people be urgently called to the increasing breadth of our Foreign Mission work, and that as far as practicable, the leaflets and envelopes from the office at Nashville be used.

III. That Ladies' and Men's Missionary Societies and Mission bands be organized in all our churches, under the supervision and control of the Sessions, whenever the Sessions regard it possible or

wise, and that wherever expedient "Children's Day" be observed; and that special prayer be offered by the several pastors in taking up their collection for this cause.

We recommend further that Presbytery engage in special prayer for Foreign Missions at the service to-night.

(Signed.) E. P. DAVIS, *Chairman.*

Rev. E. P. Davis also presented the following report of committee on Sessional duties, which was received and approved:

The committee to which was referred the reports of our churches on Sessional duties, desire to report that thirty-two papers have come into our hands, from which we have gathered and arranged the following facts and figures:

I. Only four of the members of our churches are dependent wholly or in part upon public charity.

II. Concerning the payment of expenses of minister and elder to Presbytery and Synod last year, the following answers are given: (1) Reidsville, Buffalo, Winston, Alamance, Mebanesville, Hillsboro, Graham, Lexington, Greensboro, Wentworth, Westminster, Bethel, Hawfields, Cross Roads and Stony Creek, answer, "Yes." (2) Red House, Jamestown, Yanceyville, Griers, Milton, New Hope, Fairfield and Little River, "No." (3) Madison and Leaksville paid part of their expenses. (4) Eno, Speedwell, Wilkesboro, Midway, Mt. Airy, Burlington and High Point report, "none incurred."

III. Concerning the amount of salary still due the minister and the efforts being made to pay the dues, the following answers are given: (1) Stoney Creek owes $10.50, Milton $132.88, Eno, "very little due," Alamance, "a small balance," Buffalo, $18.98, and Red House, $68.00. In each of these instances, efforts are being made to liquidate the indebtedness. (2) Bethel, Hillsboro and Speedwell make no reply to this query. (3) Winston has paid nearly $100 more than it promised. (4) All the other churches have paid in full their promised salaries.

IV. Concerning the collections ordered by the General Assembly that were omitted and the reasons for their omission, the churches respond as follows: (1) Reidsville, Winston, Jamestown, Alamance, Mebanesville, Speedwell, Madison, Greensboro 1st, New Hope, Wentworth, Little River, Westminster, Hawfields and Leaksville, took up collections for all the schemes of the General Assembly. (2) Griers, Hillsboro, Graham, Lexington, Fairfield and Bethel, do not answer the question. (3) Red House omits Publica-

tion, but assigns no reason. Church erection was omitted by Midway, Buffalo and High Point, the first two substituted a collection for the Synodical Evangelistic fund and the last omitted it through inadvertence. The Invalid fund, Tuskaloosa Institute and Presbyterial fund were omitted by Eno church, but no reason assigned. Yanceyville took no collection for Tuskaloosa and assigned no reason. In that church collections are taken for all the other benevolent causes of the church, when practicable. Wilkesboro omitted several collections in order to secure funds to repair their building. Mt. Airy took up no collection for two of the less important causes, (which are these?) to secure money to meet its contingent expenses, while Burlington and Stony Creek omit for want of funds. Milton does not take up collections for four of the Assembly's objects and gives no reason, but refers to book, March 14, 1888. Cross Roads gives no reason for omitting the Invalid fund and Tuskaloosa Institute.

V. Concerning the mode of collection employed various answers are given. (1) Stony Creek, Fairfield, Griers, Red House, Eno and Little River, "the usual mode." (2) Leaksville, High Point, Graham, Madison, Speedwell, Yanceyville, Mebanesville and Alamance, "the basket and private solicitation." (3) Cross Roads has no fixed mode. (4) Westminster, Greensboro, Hillsboro, Lexington, Reidsville and Winston, "basket and envelope." Bethel, Wentworth, New Hope, Milton, Mt. Airy, Midway, Wilkesboro, Jamestown and Buffalo use the basket. (6) Hawfields does not answer this question.

It is very gratifying to report that such a large number of churches have sent reports on Sessional duties and that almost all the questions are directly answered. It is to be lamented that so many of our churches fail to pay the expenses of their representatives to Presbytery and Synod, and that several have not yet paid the salaries in full of their pastors or stated supplies. Respectfully submitted, E. P. DAVIS, *Chairman.*

On motion the committee was instructed to write to the churches of Stony Creek, Yanceyville and Eno, urging that the poor members reported as being dependent in whole or in part on public charity be supported wholly by the church.

The order of the day having arrived, Presbytery proceeded to elect Commissioners to the General Assembly.

On motion the name of R. L. Walker was placed

among those nominated yesterday. Rev. W. F. Wilhelm, with Rev. E. W. Smith as alternate, were elected ministerial delegates and Dr. J. A. McLean with Mr. T. J. Brown as alternate, were chosen from the eldership.

On motion Revs. Dr. Johnston and R. W. Culbertson were added to the committee on "Voluntary Societies and the Tithe."

The committee to which was referred the report of the committee of Education, presented the following report, which was received and adopted, viz:

The committee appointed to consider the matters included in the report of the committee on Education which demand action of Presbytery, would report, recommending that when Presbytery adjourn, it adjourn to meet in Greensboro, May 27th, at 10 o'clock, A. M., for the special purpose of examining and if the way be clear of licensing Messrs. J. E. Mebane and J. J. Harrell.

That a subsequent meeting be held, say July 1st, to license Simon G. Walker, (a colored candidate) and to consider the question of assigning him work.

That the following parts of trial be assigned to Mr. J. E. Mebane: Latin Thesis, "*An sit Spiritus sanctus persona?*" Critical exercise, Heb. 1:1-4. Lecture, Phil. 1:1-6. Sermon on Col. 3:14, "And above all these things put on charity."

That there be assigned Simon G. Walker, sermon from John 6:37, "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me," and lecture from Luke, 11:1-13.

Rev. W. F. Wilhelm, who was appointed to prepare a memorial sketch of Rev. Chas. Phillips, D.D., presented the following paper, which was received, approved and ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

REV. CHAS. PHILLIPS, D. D. LL. D.

It is with profound sorrow that we record the death of our brother, one of the oldest and most loved and honored members of Orange Presbytery.

Dr. Phillips was born in 1822. His early education was received at home from his parents as instructors, till his entrance as a stu-

dent into the University of North Carolina. He graduated in the class of 1841 with valedictory honors. After his graduation he studied medicine a year or more with the late Dr. J. B. Jones. He made a profession of religion during a revival conducted by Rev. Drury Lacy, D, D., in the 1st church of Raleigh in the year 1842, and his mind was very soon turned to the ministry. He entered Princeton Theological Seminary in 1843, but never completed his Theological course at that institution. He received the appointment of Tutor in the University of N. C. in 1844. After a great mental struggle and in accordance with the advice of those whom he esteemed as his best and wisest friends, he accepted the position. He was afterwards chosen Professor of Applied Mathematics and Civil Engineering in the same University and served from 1852 to 1868. He was then Professor of Mathematics in Davidson College from 1869 to 1875, when he was again called to the same chair in the University and filled it from 1875 to 1879 when he resigned on account of ill health. He was Emeritus Professor till the time of his death in 1889.

Dr. Phillips was licensed to preach by Orange Presbytery at Pittsboro in 1857, was ordained by the same Presbytery at New Hope church in 1866. He never entered on the regular work of the ministry, but at various times served the church in Chapel Hill as stated supply. He loved to preach the gospel and proclaimed it with great power and acceptability. His sermons were characterized by profound thought and striking originality, and in his last years he often expressed regret that he had not made preaching his life work.

In the language of those who were associated with him most intimately and esteemed him for his sterling qualities, the faculty of the University, we would say, "Dr. Phillips' entire life was given to education, as teacher, preacher and writer. In the class room he was ever conscientious, original and impressive, for being himself an ardent seeker after truth, an independent and profound thinker, interested in all departments of knowledge, and accurately learned in many, he could not but exercise a wide influence upon the young and generous minds brought into contact with his own. But that his energies have been hampered by repeated attacks of disease, continued through many years, he would have been still more widely known and recognized as a great teacher."

But his life work is completed. He has entered upon his rest. May the blessing of the covenant-keeping God ever abide with his sorrowing loved ones and with the Presbytery of which he was a member, and in whose work he always manifested the liveliest interest.

The committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts reported as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the exhibit made to your body by W. S. Moore, Treasurer, beg leave to report that they have examined said exhibit (not his books and vouchers) and find that he has received and disbursed upwards of $4,500, as by said exhibit, all of which came to him in small sums, requiring a good deal of stationery and postage to acknowledge, which we think must have cost him $25 at least. It is customary with business men to be allowed on receipts and disbursements, 5 per cent. We respectfully recommend that Presbytery make your Treasurer an allowance of at least 2 per cent. on disbursements, which will be enough to cover actual expense, for trouble, time, postage and stationery.

Respectfully submitted, THOS. A. RATLIFFE, *Chm'n.*

The report was received and was so amended as to omit that part of it referring to compensation for services, with the direction to the Treasurer to pay all necessary expenses incurred in handling the moneys coming into his hands, out of the same.

Rev. Alex. Sprunt, of the Presbytery of Albemarle, being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Mr. W. S. Moore having resigned as Treasurer, Presbytery proceeded to elect a Treasurer, and Mr. J. M. Rogers, of Winston, was elected.

Committee on Calls and Supplies reported recommending the following Supplies, which was adopted:

For Chapel Hill—Revs. H. T. Darnall and J. H. Lacy.
For New Hope—Revs. J. H. Smith, D. D. and W. F. Wilhelm.
For Oak Forest—Revs. W. R. Coppedge and S. O. Hall.
For Caswell Field—Revs. D. I. Craig and E. W. Smith.

The order of the day having arrived, Rev. D. I. Craig presented his report as agent of Home Missions, with the following recommendations, which were adopted, viz:

1. That the special collection for the Synodical Evangelist, to the amount of $400, shall be included in the general collections of June and September for Evangelistic work and that an earnest effort be made to raise at least one thousand dollars.

2. That we will endeavor by every possible and honest effort to raise $700 for Home Missions and $300 for the Invalid fund.

3. That the Table of Assessments and Apportionments be so increased as to show these amounts and that a separate table of assessments and apportionments be furnished each minister and church.

4. That each minister be requested to preach a sermon, during the Presbyterial year, on the great need of evangelizing the poor and needy in our land, and to urge the people to come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

Rev. A. Sprunt was also heard in behalf of the Home Mission work and also in behalf of the Synod's Committee on Evangelistic labor.

On motion a collection was taken and pledges received from ministers and churches for paying off the debt of Presbytery and for paying the Presbytery's portion of the salary of an assistant for the Synodical Evangelist.

The committee on Systematic Beneficence presented their report, which was approved and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly and Synod. (See appendix.)

Presbytery then took recess till 3 P. M.

AFTER RECESS.

The committee to nominate ministers to have the oversight of vacant churches presented the following report which was adopted:

Graham Church.....Rev. J. L. Currie
Chapel Hill and New Hope.....Rev. G. A. Wilson
Oak Forest.....Rev. D. I. Craig
Mt. Airy.....Rev. E. W. Smith

The petition of Reidsville church asking Presbytery to allow them to employ Rev. D. I. Craig for all his time, was taken up, and after hearing all the parties concerned the request was granted.

The pastoral relation existing between Rev. D. I. Craig and Oak Forest church was then dissolved, the represen-

tative of that church consenting, as authorized to speak for the congregation, and Rev. D. I. Craig was appointed to declare the pulpit vacant.

Rev. Dr. Johnston presented a communication from certain members of New Hope church, addressed to the Session, asking them to resign and allow the church to elect a new board of Elders, and asking Presbytery to take "such action as may bring about what the petition asks for." The paper was referred to a committee consisting of Revs. E. P. Davis, S. O. Hall and W. R. Coppedge and Elder T. M. Holt to report at once.

A report was read showing the standing and progress of Simon G. Walker, a student at Tuskaloosa Institute.

On motion it was ordered that the churches of Wilkesboro and Mt. Airy be grouped into one charge if the way be clear.

Rev. W. R. Coppedge presented his report as Evangelist in the Caswell field which was received and approved.

Rev. F. H. Johnston presented his final report as General Evangelist of the Presbytery, which was received and approved.

The report of the committee on Apportionments was read and after discussion re-committed to be presented at the adjourned meeting in Greensboro, May 27th.

The committee appointed to consider the petition of certain persons in New Hope church reported as follows, which was adopted:

> The committee to which was referred the overture from certain members of New Hope church, praying the Presbytery to ask the present session of that church to resign, recommend that Presbytery respectfully decline to grant the request and earnestly urge the minority to submit to the present lawfully constituted authorities and cultivate the spirit of forbearance and fraternal love.

On motion a committee consisting of Revs. C. Miller, J. L. Currie and R. W. Culbertson were appointed to draft a kind letter to the petitioners of New Hope church, setting forth the facts connected with the consideration

of the case, and counselling them to return to their duties in the church.

The committee on installations reported, recommending that Rev. G. A. Wilson be installed pastor at Cross Roads church on the 3rd Sunday in May, by Revs. H. T. Darnall and W. F. Wilhelm, and at Hawfield's church on the 4th Sunday in May by Revs. S. O. Hall and J. L. Currie, their respective parts to be agreed upon by the committees themselves.

Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D. was, on motion, dismissed to the Presbytery of Albemarle.

The report of the committee on Societies and the Tithe was made the first order of the day for to-morrow morning, and that on the Revised Directory the second order.

The committee on leave of absence presented their report, which was approved.

Rev. R. W. Culbertson, agent of Sunday Schools presented a report which was received and approved. (Appendix.)

Presbytery then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8:30 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

GRAHAM, N. C., APRIL 19th, 1890.

Presbytery met at 8:30 A. M., and was opened with prayer. Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

Committee on Minutes of Synod reported, calling the attention of Presbytery to 2d and 3d resolutions on p. 330, and to recommendation 1st, p. 344. There port was approved and committee discharged.

Rev. J. H. Lacy, from the Committee on Sessional Records, presented the following report, which was adopted:

1. Failed to review their records: Westminster, Leaksville, Madison, Wentworth, Bethlehem and Red House.

2. Matter not definite and irrelevant: Westminster and Speedwell.

3. No report of delegate to Presbytery: Buffalo.

4. No Deacons' report: Burlington, Red House, Stony Creek, Reidsville, Oak Forest and Speedwell.

5. Records not complete: Burlington and Cross Roads.

6. Not a meeting "at least once a quarter": Burlington and Speedwell.

7. Place of meeting not designated: Burlington, Red House, Stony Creek.

8. Sessional report not adopted: Burlington and Red House.

The committee on Societies and the Tithe reported as follows, which was considered *seriatim* and adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly:

Your committee to which was referred the overture sent down by the last Assembly on the subject of Societies within and without the church, and on the Tithe as a means of raising the funds of the church, would respectfully report, recommending the following action:

I.—AS TO SOCIETIES WITHIN THE CHURCH.

There is no question that the Church of the New Testament dispensation with its officers, ordinances and institutions is essentially a missionary church; her commission being to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." To accomplish this high mission she is to be of necessity an aggressive organization. It may be said further, that she is admirably equipped and fitted for her work, and that her organization covers even the details of her work to a large extent, and yet there are matters in her operations that are not so specifically prescribed as to leave no room for the exercise of a wise discretion and they belong plainly, as our Book declares (chap. 1, par. 6) to those circumstances that exist in common with human actions and Societies which are to be governed by the light of Nature and Christian prudence according to the general rules of the Word.

She must be largely governed, therefore, under these circumstances and in the exercise of this discretion by considerations of what is most becoming, most for the development and edification of the people and most effective in the prosecution of her work.

As she cannot move as a whole, our highest court surveying the entire field, sends down its recommendations to the Synods and Presbyteries and they in turn to the Sessions of individual churches,

acting of course upon the principle that "the power of the whole is over the power of every part."

If now in the outgrowth of her zeal, there should arise as there have arisen, voluntary associations of earnest Christians for the more efficient prosecution of some branch of her work, associations that do not usurp any of the functions of the church and do not claim independency of her oversight and control, we we can see no just reason for resisting the formation of such societies within the church, so long as they recognize and are under the supervision and control of the properly constituted authorities of the church.

A stimulation of the zeal of God's people and an awakening in the whole body of a deeper interest in the various causes she is fostering by men and women who have become specially interested in them, has been without question the outcome of these associations, as is shown by the steady increase of the liberality of the church from year to year; and if any danger really threatens the church from the existence of these Societies within her pale, the remedy is not in destroying them, and thus checking a quickened zeal, but in bringing them under more direct oversight by those whose place it is to bear rule in the church.

We believe, however, that this oversight can always be better exercised in the individual congregation than elsewhere, and because there seems to be no necessity for them and because further, there is serious apprehension on the part of many, that what are known as "Presbyterial Unions" may be productive of serious evils, and be less easily brought under proper control, we are not willing to give our sanction to their formation.

II.—AS TO SOCIETIES WITHOUT THE CHURCH.

These organizations are usually constituted of Christian brethren of the various Evangelical denominations and cannot be brought under the jurisdiction of any one church.

Our giving or withholding of encouragement to them must depend, therefore, principally, upon the character of the objects they have in view, the means employed for their accomplishment, the blessing of God upon their efforts, and whether they encroach upon the divinely given prerogatives of the church itself. The church is not authorized to legislate as to these organizations as such, and cannot forbid her members from uniting with them, unless it can be shown that they are in themselves evil in their tendencies and contrary to the teachings of Scripture.

III.—AS TO THE TITHE.

The broad range of discussion of the Tithe which has been had since the last Assembly, makes it evident that its binding obligation under the Gospel dispensation is involved in too great a cloud of uncertainty ever to hope that it can be laid upon the consciences of God's people as the divinely fixed rule for giving.

There can be no question as to the duty, or as to the need of system and of enlarged liberality in this grace, nor is any one denied the privilege of adopting the Tithe system for himself, if so inclined; but as there is no passage of the New Testament that unequivocally teaches that the law of the Tithe is in force under the Christian dispensation, and as our Lord and his apostles are silent upon the matter, and as in the enlarged liberty of the dispensation the one great rule that governs is, that every one should give "as the Lord hath prospered him," and as all giving should be voluntary, "according as each one purposeth in his heart," and according to the ability which God hath given to every man, and since, in fine, there seems to be nowhere any suggestion of any fixed and arbitrary external rule, determining the amount to be given, Presbytery is not willing to accept or to endorse the asserted binding force of the Tithe system under the gospel.

At the same time, it is safe to say, that in view of the fact that under a restricted dispensation and for the support of religion at home, one-tenth was required; a larger rather than a smaller amount ought to be expected under a dispensation in which the church, with larger privileges is preëminently a missionary institution.

Respectfully submitted,

H. T. DARNALL,
F. H. JOHNSTON,
R. W. CULBERTSON,
Committee.

On motion Presbytery ordered $15 to be paid out of the treasury to F. H. Johnston, D. D., for traveling expenses.

The committee on the Directory for Worship presented the following report, which was adopted, viz:

To the General Assembly to meet in Asheville, N. C.:

The Presbytery of Orange having carefully considered the Revised Directory for Worship sent down by the Assembly of last year to the Presbyteries for their approval or rejection, respectfully declines to adopt it in place of the present Directory as a part of the constitution of the Church.

Your committee recommend this action on the general ground that the proposed substitute for our present Directory, though containing some improvements that are desirable, possesses, at the same time, such serious defects as in the opinion of your committee impair both its design and serviceableness as a guide for worship among Presbyterians.

1. The omission of much matter which makes the present book a judicious and valuable Directory, both to ministers and people, as in the chapters on the Sanctification of the Sabbath; on the preaching of the Word; on the administration of the Sacraments; on visitation of the Sick, &c.

The fact that upon these topics the reader is referred to other parts of the Constitution, as the Confession of Faith and the Larger Catechism, for desired instruction and guidance, is, in itself, an admission that such instruction naturally belongs to, and should be found in a Directory for Worship.

2. While it is true that a manual of forms for Baptism, Public Reception of Members, Marriage and Burial, to be used optionally, yet having the imprimatur of the General Assembly, is desirable and is desired by many throughout our church; we believe and hold that such forms are out of place in the body of a Directory used by the Presbyterian church.

If the revised book becomes part of our standards, our church will seem at least, to endorse liturgical worship.

For these reasons your committee advise and recommend the adoption of the above overture as your answer to the General Assembly. Respectfully submitted,

F. H. JOHNSTON,
SAM'L C. SMITH.

Mr. J. M. Rogers having telegraphed that he could not accept the office of Treasurer, tendered to him, Presbytery elected Mr. W. S. Moore, the present incumbent, for another year.

The committee appointed to draft a suitable letter to be sent to the disaffected portion of the New Hope congregation, presented their report, through Rev. C. Miller, which was adopted and ordered to be forwarded as an official paper.

The committee on the Narrative of the State of Religion within the bounds of the Presbytery presented the

following report, which was adopted and ordered to be sent to the General Assembly and the Synod:

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31st, 1890.

To the General Assembly and Synod:

Orange Presbytery reports that the state of religion in its bounds, has for the past year been healthy and encouraging, though marked with no special indications of an advance upon the religious condition of former years.

All of our churches, except three, are now supplied with ministers, and it is hoped that these will not long be vacant.

The attendance upon public worship has generally been good and in some cases increasing.

Officers of the church, and especially ministers, have generally been faithful in their efforts to discharge duty.

A large majority of our churches have prayer meetings for at least a part of the year. The attendance upon these services, while in some cases small, in other cases show an increase of interest and the attendance is good.

Nearly all our churches endeavor to maintain Sabbath Schools, and in many cases these are very encouraging. One narrative says, "We have reason for joy and thankfulness in our Sabbath School, it was never in a more flourishing condition."

Family Worship is still reported as neglected in many churches, yet we are glad to say that some churches report that the majority of their heads of families conduct worship and we hope there is some improvement in this respect.

As to the observance of the Sabbath, most of the narratives speak in general terms, yet from what we can gather, while there are not perhaps numerous flagrant violations of the sanctity of the day, yet there is not that strictness in its observance that characterized Presbyterians of an earlier day.

Very few of the reports say anything in regard to Intemperance and Worldly Amusements, so that your committee do not feel competent to speak of these things, except to say that there is no strong tendency to these evils among our members.

Only a few of our churches observe the Monthly Concert of Prayer for Missions, yet most are interested in the cause of Missions and many seek in various ways to secure large contributions to this cause.

There has been no general revival of religion within our bounds,

yet most of the churches report additions on profession of faith; one reports 80 additions on profession, another 32, another 28, another 15 and so on.

We thank God for these manifest tokens of His favor, and pray that it may please him to bless us with great activity, zeal and liberality in his service during the present year.

(Signed) C. MILLER, *For the Committee.*

The committee appended the following recommendations to its report for the action of Presbytery, which were adopted:

1. That delinquent churches be reminded of their duty to send up Narratives of the State of Religion and that all the churches be urged to make their reports sufficiently full and definite, so as to give a true and adequate idea of the religious condition of the church.

2. That some change be made in the topics and questions sent down to the churches for their reports.

Revs. C. Miller and H. T. Darnall were appointed a committee to consider the 2d recommendation and report at the fall meeting of Presbytery.

Presbytery resolved to hold a conference on Foreign Missions at 3 o'clock, P. M., and appointed Rev. R. W. Culbertson to arrange a program for the occasion.

The usual vote of thanks to the kind people of Graham for their hospitality and to the various railroad companies for courtesies shown was adopted and ordered to be read from the pulpit. Recess till 3 P. M.

AFTER RECESS.

Presbytery met at 3 P. M.

The Agent of Publication was directed in addition to his other work, to act in the interest of the *N. C. Presbyterian* and to make a report as to the support of the paper at the fall meeting.

Rev. W. S. Long, D. D., of the Christian church, and

Rev. C. Kennett, of the Methodist Protestant church, were invited to sit as visiting brethren.

The Presbytery then held a very interesting and pleasant conference on Foreign Missions, reviewed the minutes of the day, and adjourned to meet in Greensboro, N. C., on the 27th of May, 1890, at 10 o'clock A. M. Closed with singing, prayer and the benediction.

(Attest) H. T. DARNALL,
Stated Clerk.

PRESBYTERIAL REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Report of Presbytery of Orange to the General Assembly for Year ending April 1, 1890.

NAMES OF SCHOOLS.	No. on Rolls.		Avr'ge At'dnc		Scholars Admitted to the Communion.	Contribut'ns. of the Schools.	
	Teachers.	Scholars.	Teachers.	Scholars.		For their own Expenses.	For other Purposes.
Alamance	20	113	15	68	1	$ 89	.....
*Albright's School House	6	54	5	40	....	2 85	.....
Bethlehem	4	40	4	35	....	.....	.....
Bethel	6	60	6	50	4	.....	.....
Bethesda	7	60	...	....	....	.....	.....
Buffalo	8	67	....	....	5	.....	.....
Chapel Hill	5	25	...	....	...	4 50	.....
Cross Roads	6	65	3	33	3	8 69	1 42
Durham	15	104	12	70	11	65 63	.....
Fairfield	10	174	7	73	13	11 05	.....
Graham	11	58	6	28	4	14 69	12 52
Greensboro First	37	228	27	151	50	143 30	207 20
Griers	4	25	4	16	10	8 00	.....
Hawfields	8	68	5	50	....	4 50	6 00
High Point	7	60	7	45	2	20 93	.....
Hillsboro	7	28	5	20	....	12 96	.....
Leaksville	5	40	3	25	3	10 00	.....
Lexington	9	86	7	60	5	125 54	35 44
Little River	10	90	5	36	11	16 32	.....
Madison	9	52	6	30	3	7 85	3 11
Mebaneville	11	100	9	75	0	22 00	25 00
Midway	7	57	5	31	5	16 03	.....
Milton	7	54	6	43	3	39 83	5 00
Mount Airy	5	30	4	20	....	20 00	.....
New Hope	8	45	7	40	....	.....	.....
Red House	4	35	...	....	1	.....	19 50
Reidsville	12	125	9	75	16	60 00	45 00
Speedwell (just organized)	...	30	...	....	....	.....	.....
Stony Creek	5	56	5	40	....	6 05	.....
Wentworth	6	66	6	40	4	6 00	.....
Westminster	16	125	14	86	7	112 24	.....
Winston	16	165	12	87	....	98 73	66 17
†Harrison's	4	20	3	16	1	.....	.....
Total	285	2305	203	1348	162	$940 58	$385 86

*Under supervision of Buffalo Session. †Under supervision of Yanceyville Session.

Summary.—Of our thirty-eight (38) churches thirty-one (31) send up reports of thirty-three schools. Twenty-nine (29) are under the control of their respective Sessions. Twenty-six (26) are attended by pastors and elders. In 12 the pastor preaches to the children. In 24 the Cathechisms are taught and in a few the Confession of Faith and Form of Government. The Children's Friend is taken in 17 and the E. Worker in 18. In 20 schools the Scriptures are memorized to a greater or less extent. Very few Helps are used besides International Lesson papers, a few reports mentioning the Quarterlies. Twenty-seven (27) schools report general attendance of pupils upon church services. Seven (7) report Special Religious Interest and quite a number gratifying additions to the church. One school (Winston) has contributed to all the causes of the General Assembly and 4 to Foreign Missions. No schools are maintained among the colored people as they generally have their own. Comparing the 27 churches, which sent up reports this year and also last year, we find a gain of 12 teachers, 96 scholars, 65 added to the communion, and $83.81 contributed to other causes than school expenses.

STATISTICAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Orange Presbytery Reports to the General Assembly that it comprises 17 Ministers and 39 Churches, and has under its care 1 Licentiate and 13 Candidates, viz:

MINISTERS, LICENTIATES, AND CANDIDATES	POST OFFICES.	CHURCHES.	Officers.		Communic'ts.			Bapt'ms			S.S.&Bible Classes.		FUNDS COLLECTED.									
			Elders.	Deacons.	Added on Exam.	Added on Certf.	Whole No.	Adult.	Infant.	Baptized Non-Communicants.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Sustentation.	Evangelistic.	Invalid Fund.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Publication.	Tuskaloosa Ins., Colored.	Presbyterial.	Pastor's Salary Actually Paid.	Congregational.	Miscellaneous.
Thomas U. Faucette	Milton, N. C.	Milton, S. S.	5	4	4	.	92	3	1	....	7	54	$ 10	$ 18	....	$ 2	$ 19	....	....	....	$ 467	$ 50	$200
" " "	"	Red House, P.	4	4	1	..	47	....	2	18	4	35	5	6	$ 2	24	4	....	$ 5	....	90	.....	.....
J. Henry Smith, D. D.	Greensboro, "	Greensboro First, P.	9	9	80	14	431	21	16	151	37	228	179	142	18	235	89	14	4	26	1700	1483	64
F. H. Johnston, D. D.	Elizabeth City, "	*In Transitu.*	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
C. N. Morrow, W. C.	Hawthorne, Fla.	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
H. T. Darnall.....	Durham, N. C.	Durham, P	5	5	15	15	189	4	4	....	15	104	25	19	12	44	13	9	....	15	1200	6750	12
Cornelius Miller.....	Greensboro, "	Alamance, P	7	7	4	1	278	...	9	104	20	113	30	40	4	55	20	2	6	12	473	38	15
" "	Jamestown, "	Jamestown, S. S.	2	1	2	1	28	2	..	....	...	12	6	6	2	7	4	1	1	2	60	2	....
" "	Monroeton, "	Speedwell, S. S.	3	...	13	3	37	13	..	....	...	30	3	....	1	4	3	1	1	1	50	8	....
Jas. L. Currie.....	Burlington, "	Burlington, P.	3	2	7	1	57	2	..	....	...	21	12	5	2	26	4	....	....	3	300	1121	32
" "	"	Stony Creek, P.	5	3	1	1	87	1	6	12	5	56	4	5	2	8	3	1	....	4	90	.....	....
" "	Gibsonville, "	Spring Wood, P.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
D. I. Craig	Reidsville, "	Reidsville, P	4	6	28	3	168	12	..	25	12	125	120	39	8	45	18	5	5	15	700	150	....
W. F. Wilhelm.....	Hillsboro, "	Hillsboro, P	2	1	...	4	52	...	...	...	7	28	18	3	4	15	3	3	....	6	500	46	50
" "	Caldwell Institute "	Little River, P	9	7	31	1	234	15	2	...	10	90	8	11	....	7	7	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
" "	Hillsboro, "	Eno, P.	4	3	....	..	61	..	1	.....	.....	.....	4	2	....	11	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
" "	"	Fairfield, P	3	2	14	..	46	4	2	....	10	174	4	4	....	6	2	4	1	2	100	.....	....
E. W. Smith.....	Greensboro, "	Westminster, P.	4	6	15	2	157	4	4	40	16	125	17	84	6	75	20	4	7	10	600	569	....
S. O. Hall	Madison, "	Madison, P.	5	4	10	2	106	7	10	26	9	52	11	16	3	26	4	3	3	8	275	65	....
" "	Leaksville, "	Leaksville, P.	2	2	7	1	45	7	1	8	5	40	10	30	7	10	8	4	3	5	200	30	....
" "	Wentworth, "	Wentworth, S. S.	4	2	11	.	52	3	5	21	6	66	4	18	2	10	2	2	2	....	150	38	....
W. R. Coppedge, Ev.	Yanceyville, "	Yanceyville, Ev.	1	..	9	..	35	4	..	10	4	20	5	23	....	5	3	1	.....	.....	150	.....	....
" " "	Hightowers, "	Griers, Ev.	4	3	7	..	32	.....	.....	....	4	25	3	4	4	.....	3	2	....	2	.....	.....	....
" " "	....	Bethesda, Ev.	3	2	4	1	37	.....	...	7	...	60	1	3	2	8	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
R. W. Culbertson ...	McLeansville, N. C.	Bethel, P.	6	7	7	..	160	2	3	....	6	60	3	14	3	54	4	....	3	12	274	27	....
" " ...	Greensboro, "	Buffalo, P.	4	5	5	1	130	1	7	54	14	121	10	30	4	90	3	2	4	....	306	43	....
" " "	" "	Midway, P.	3	1	7	1	25	2	1	10	7	57	4	3	1	13	3	3	1	2	100	23	....
E. P. Davis.....	Winston, "	Winston, P.	6	4	1	7	200	...	5	93	16	165	109	159	59	342	57	26	21	25	1295	12549	16
J. H. Lacy.....	Mebane's, "	Mebaneville, P.	2	1	7	3	73	3	2	22	11	100	25	25	3	210	2	2	1	15	601	125	404
" "	Oaks, "	Bethlehem, P.	4	5	13	1	95	7	3	26	4	40	3	3	1	7	1	.....	.....	.....	265	.....	6
W. P. McCorkle.....	Lexington, "	Lexington, P.	3	5	8	5	95	2	..	45	9	86	14	12	14	25	10	1	1	15	350	112	150
" "	High Point, "	High Point, P.	4	3	9	12	56	5	...	....	7	60	8	8	4	15	6	4	5	....	200	38	....
G. A. Wilson	Mebane's, "	Hawfields, P.	6	7	....	1	180	.....	.....	....	8	68	27	18	2	58	5	2	2	15	383	170	10
" "	" "	Cross Roads, P.	6	7	5	..	176	2	..	....	6	65	10	8	....	41	6	4	....	15	400	12	20
.....	Graham, "	Graham, V.	5	5	4	2	119	.....	.....	.....	11	58	60	95	....	93	....	.....	.....	25	1125	74	5
.....	Chapel Hill, "	Chapel Hill, V.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
.....	University Station "	New Hope, V.	3	3	....	..	87	....	1	....	7	45	6	4	2	4	2	1	1	8	.....	33	....
.....	Ruffin, "	Oak Forest, V.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	4	1	2	2	1	....	1	.....	3	....
.....	Mt. Airy, "	Mount Airy, V.	2	1	9	3	39	4	5	9	4	30	4	5	....	5	5	5	....	2	175	175	....
.....	Wilkesboro, "	Wilkesboro, S. S.	1	....	3	2	15	1	2	.....	.....	.....	5	8	.....	.....	3	....	4	....	200	23	....
(No Session)	Elkin "	Elkin, V.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			143	127	341	88	3721	131	92	681	281	2413	759	839	173	1612	346	108	$81	246	12779	23757	984

LICENTIATES—1.

B. B. Palmer, col.... Milton, N. C.

CANDIDATES—13.

J. E. Mebane .....
S. S. Oliver .....
J. E. Thacker .....
C. W. Wharton .....
Rosser Brown .....
S. M. Rankin .....

By Order of the Presbytery,

ATTEST:— H. T. DARNALL, *Stated Clerk.*

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MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED MEETING HELD IN GREENSBORO, N. C., MAY 27th, 1890.

The Presbytery of Orange met pursuant to adjournment in the First Church of Greensboro, N. C., at 10 o'clock, A M., and was constituted with prayer.

PRESENT: *Ministers*—E. W. Smith, Moderator; C. Miller, S. O Hall, D. I. Craig, W. R. Coppedge, and H. T. Darnall, (2).

ELDERS—Dr. R. F. Robertson, Greensboro First Church; Dr. J. A. McLean, Bethel Church; W. F. Carter, Mt. Airy Church; A. T. Whitsett, Midway Church.

Rev. W. R. Coppedge was appointed temporary clerk.

Messrs. J. E. Mebane and J. J. Harrell, candidates for the ministry applying for license, being present, the Presbytery adopted the following resolntion, viz:

Resolved, That Presbytery adopt the following order in conducting the examination of the brethren applying for license, to-wit: That the trial sermon of Mr. Mebane be heard at 11 o'clock this morning and that of Mr. Harrell at 8:15 this evening.

That the examinations in open Presbytery be held this evening at 3 o'clock, and that the examinations on their Academic Course and their Latin Theses and Critical Exercises be by committees; and that to-morrow at 11 o'clock be the time for the ordination of Dr. J. J. Harrell if the way be clear. Rev. H. T. Darnall, with Rev. D. I. Craig as alternate to preach the sermon, and Rev. J. H. Smith, D. D., with Rev. W. R. Coppedge as alternate be appointed to preside, propound the constitutional questions and charge the Evangelist.

Presbytery on motion reconsidered its action had at Graham by which Wilkesboro and Mt. Airy were grouped as one field. A motion was then made to unite Mt. Airy with the Madison Church, but failed.

Oak Forest Church was grouped with the churches under the charge of Rev. S. O. Hall.

Eleven o'clock having arrived, Presbytery heard the trial sermon of Mr. J. E. Mebane, which was sustained as a satisfactory part of trial

It was ordered that the license of the candidates take place to-night after public worship, if the way be clear.

Revs. C. Miller and S. O. Hall were appointed a committee to examine the Latin Theses and Critical Exercises of the candidates.

A call for the pastoral services of Rev. W. R. Coppedge was received from Graham Church, and being found in order, was on motion placed in his hands. The call is for all his time at a salary of $1000 and the use of the manse.

Presbytery then took recess till 2:30 P. M.

AFTER RECESS.

Presbytery met and proceeded to examine Messrs. Mebane and Harrell as to their experimental acquaintance with religion and their motives for seeking the ministry, and the examination was sustained as satisfactory.

Revs. C. Miller and S. O. Hall were appointed to examine the candidates on their academic course.

Rev. W. R. Coppedge having signified his acceptance of the call from Graham Church, the following order was taken for his installation, viz: That Rev. G. A. Wilson preach the sermon and charge the pastor, and Rev. J. H. Lacy propound the constitutional questions and charge the people; and that Rev. J. S. Currie be appointed as alternate to Rev. G. A. Wilson and Rev. Dr. Smith as alternate to Rev. J. H. Lacy.

The committee appointed to examine the candidates on their literary and scientific courses reported, recommending that the examination be sustained as satisfactory.

The committee to examine the Latin Theses and Crit-

ical Exercises of the candidates, also reported, recommending that they be sustained.

Candidates Mebane and Harrell were then examined in open Presbytery on Theology, Church History, the Sacraments and Church Government, and the examination was sustained as satisfactory.

The Lectures of Messrs. J. E. Mebane and J. J. Harrell were then read and sustained as satisfactory.

The call from High Point Church for the pastoral services of Rev. W. P. McCorkle was ordered to be placed in his hands.

Presbytery then took recess till 8:15 P. M.

AFTER RECESS.

Presbytery met and heard the sermon of Dr. J. J. Harrell, which was sustained as satisfactory.

Rev. H. T. Darnall appeared, and after rendering excuse for tardiness, was enrolled.

Presbytery then on motion sustained as a whole the examinations of Messrs. Mebane and Harrell, and licensed them as probationers for the gospel ministry.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Presbytery met at 10 o'clock and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved. The application of Lexington Church for the services of Rev. W. P. McCorkle as Stated Supply was granted, and the Stated Clerk directed to notify them of this action, and at the same time to inform the church of the opposition of the Presbytery to this relation whenever it can be avoided, and to urge them to the formation of the pastoral relation.

It was resolved that when Presbytery adjourn, it adjourn to meet in the First Church of Greensboro, on July 1st, 1890, at 10 o'clock, A. M., to examine Simon G. Walker, a colored candidate, if the way be clear.

After sermon by Rev. H. T. Darnall, the Presbytery proceeded to set apart and ordain to the full work of the Ministry, Dr. J. J. Harrell, as an Evangelist to the Foreign field, according to the requirements of the Constitution, and his name was ordered to be enrolled as a member of the Presbytery.

The committee to whom was recommitted the report on Assessments and Apportionments at the Spring Meeting, presented a report which was adopted, and the agent of Home Missions was directed to have a copy of it sent to all our churches.

Licentiate J. E. Mebane was granted permission to labor without the bounds of Presbytery, provided no arrangement is speedily made by which his labors may be given to our own vacant fields.

The Stated Clerk was directed to consult the session of the Winston Church as to the time for the next stated meeting which conflicts with the time for the meeting of Synod, and ask them to report a suitable time at the adjourned meeting, July 1st.

The Stated Clerk was on motion added to the committee appointed to fill vacancies in our examining committees.

The thanks of Presbytery were then tendered to the First Church, Greensboro, for their hospitality. The minutes were read and Presbytery adjourned, with singing, prayer and the benediction.

W. R. COPPEDGE,
Temporary Clerk.

ATTEST:
H. T. DARNALL,
Stated Clerk.

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED MEETING HELD IN GREENSBORO, JULY 1st, 1890.

The Presbytery met pursuant to adjournment at 10 o'clock, A. M., in the lecture room of the Frist Church of Greensboro, and was constituted with prayer.

PRESENT: *Ministers*—J. H. Smith, D. D., E. W. Smith, C. Miller, J. L. Currie and W. P. McCorkle, with ruling Elder W. S. Moore of First Church, Greensboro.

Rev. W. P. McCorkle was appointed temporary clerk. Mr. W. C. Brown, a member of High Point Church, was introduced as a candidate for the Ministry and after satisfactory examination as to his personal piety and motives in seeking the ministry, was received under care of Presbytery and his name ordered to be placed upon the roll of candidates.

A letter was received from the Stated Clerk assigning reasons for his absence, and enclosing a communication from Rev. Dr. Rumple, President Board of Trustees of Davidson College, together with the *annual letter* of the Board to the controlling Presbyteries. The communication informed the Presbytery, "that the Board of Trustees have given Albemarle Presbytery two trustees, and invite the Presbytery of Orange to send hereafter three instead of five trustees as members of the Board."

The papers were read and Presbytery ordered that the *annual letter* be read by the several pastors to their congregations.

Rev. R. W. Culbertson appeared and after giving excuse for tardiness was enrolled.

A communication was received from Rev. J. J. Harrell, asking permission to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery, and the request was granted.

Leave was given Rev. W. P. McCorkle to hold the call

of High Point Church, until the fall meeting of Presbytery.

The session of Winston Church requested that the time for holding the fall meeting be changed from October 22nd, to October 8th, at 8 o'clock, P. M., which was so ordered.

Rev. R. W. Culbertson was on motion, elected Agent of Sunday Schools.

Simon G. Walker, a colored candidate, being present, was examined (with a view to licensure) as to his personal piety and motives for seeking the ministry, which was sustained as satisfactory. Acting under the rule for extraordinary cases, Presbytery further examined him on the elementary branches of an English Education and also on Theology, which was sustained as satisfactory.

It was resolved to hear the candidate's trial sermon and lecture at 3 o'clock this evening.

Presbytery then continued the examination of the candidate as to his knowledge of Church History, the Sacraments and Government, which was sustained as satisfactory. Presbytery then took recess till 3 P. M. After recess, Presbytery met and the following communication was received from the session of New Hope Church:

"*To the Members of Orange Presbytery:*

DEAR BRETHREN: We, the members of the Session of New Hope Church, do earnestly ask you to appoint a meeting of Presbytery at our church at an early day to make some final settlement of our church throubles. The kind letter addressed by your committee to certain members of our church, who signed a petition to Presbytery at its meeting in Graham, last spring, seems to have had no effect. The embarrassing position in which we are placed after having once resigned and been re-elected, and then having been requested again to do so, makes us more anxious to be relieved of the responsibility of acting ourselves in this matter. The following are the names of the members who have absented themselves from our church, since the re-election of the present Session. (Here follow certain names.)

We have kept up our prayer meetings and Sunday School, and both have been well attended, and have also had some additions to our membership during the past year.

By order of the Session.

J. T. HOGAN,
Clerk of Session.

June 22d, 1890.

The consideration of this paper was deferred for the present and the order of the day having arrived, Presbytery heard a sermon from Simon G. Walker, on John VI:37 and also his lecture from Luke XI:1-3.

These parts of trial were approved as satisfactory. The candidate having answered the constitutional questions propounded to him, was then solemnly licensed as a probationer for the gospel ministry and his name enrolled among our licentiates. He was then authorized by Presbytery to seek some opening for work among the colored people within our bounds, and if none were practicable to labor outside of our bounds.

Presbytery ordered that the Treasurer pay Rev. C. Miller fifteen dollars due him from the Evangelistic fund.

After considering the paper from the session of New Hope Church, Presbytery resolved to hold an adjourned meeting at that Church on Tuesday, July 22d, at 3 o'clock, P. M., and the Stated Clerk was directed to notify the Session of that Church of the proposed meeting and also to cite the persons named by the Session to appear at that time and present their grievances and complaints.

After reading the minutes Presbytery then adjourned with singing, prayer and the apostolic benediction.

W. P. McCORKLE,
Temporary Clerk.

ATTEST.
H. T. DARNALL,
Stated Clerk.

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED MEETING HELD AT NEW HOPE CHURCH, JULY 22, 1890.

NEW HOPE CHURCH, July 22d, 1890.

Presbytery met pursuant to adjournment and was constituted with prayer.

PRESENT: *Ministers:*—J. H. Smith, D. D., H. T. Darnall, Jas. L. Currie, W. F. Wilhelm, E. W. Smith, S. O. Hall, R. W. Culbertson, W. R. Coppedge, and G. A. Wilson.

Ruling Elders: W. S. Moore, D. S. Allison, N. D. Bain, David Thompson, W. C. Claytor and C. E. Parrish.

Rev. W. F. Wilhelm was appointed temporary Clerk. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Stated Clerk reported that he had notified the Session of New Hope Church as directed and had cited the persons reported by them to the Presbytery to be present at this time and lay before Presbytery all complaints and grievances held by them as against the present session.

Objection being made to the wording of the citation as not expressing the real intent of the action of Presbytery, an exact statement of the language used was called for and read.

The paper of the Session asking for this meeting was also read.

The following paper from the Session was then presented as explanatory of their request:

"To the Presbytery of Orange:"

The Session of New Hope Church, having been notified of the action of Presbytery appointing an adjourned meeting to be held July 22, in our Church, agreeably to our request, beg leave respectfully to represent that the action of Presbytery directing the Stated Clerk to cite the dissentient members of this Church to appear and present to Presbytery their grievances and complaints against the

Session, makes it necessary for us more definitely to inform the Presbytery as to the meaning and intent of our action in making our request:

1. As the session of this Church, re-elected by a majority of the congregation, when at the request of Presbytery we had resigned, and having since then been sustained by the Presbytery in our position (as see action had at Spring Meeting, at Graham), we do not desire and did not ask or expect the Presbytery to open the whole matter again, which must, in our opinion, be the inevitable result if the dissentient members of this Church are to present their grievances and complaints against us as a Sesston, as seems contemplated in your action.

We would therefore respectfully dissent from and protest against any such interpretation of our petition for the holding of this meeting as would put us on the defensive in this matter.

2. While considering ourselves fully competent so far * * * * as our authority as a Session is concerned to deal with the persons named in our petition to your body, still for reasons, well known to the Presbytery rendering such action on our part one of great difficulty and delicacy, we have referred the matter to Presbytery as a superior court according to Chapter 13, Section 2, of the Book of Discipline, with the intention of submitting the whole case to the final judgment of the superior court and for its ultimate decision. In accordance, therefore, with this intention we stated that the official letter of Presbytery, sent by you to the dissentients had not had any effect upon them in bringing them back to their duties in the Church, and we gave you the names of fourteen persons, who had not attended any of the ordinances or services of the Church, in open disregard of your advice and consent, and in defiance of the rules of discipline of the Presbyterian Church, which makes such conduct when deliberate, intentional and persistent an offence, demanding the exercise of discipline (as per chapter 12: paragraph 2.) While not perhaps in the form of a charge presented against these persons, we considered and intended it as such, and our request to your body is that you so regard it and take such steps as, acting in our stead, will be necessary to its adjudication at this meeting.

By order of the Session.

July 20, 1889. J. T. HOGAN,

Clerk.

This paper being read, the Presbytery resolved to hear any statements the persons reported to them by the Session might have to make. Mr. S. D. Blackwood, speaking for them, requested that Rev. J. L. Currie be permitted to answer in their behalf. The request was granted and the parties were permitted to retire for conference. New Hope Church then presented a call for the pastoral services of Rev. J. E. Fogartie, of the Presbytery of South Carolina, which being found in order, Mr. Chas. W. Johnston was appointed to prosecute the call before that Presbytery.

The dissentients having returned, Presbytery heard the action taken by them as embodied in the following paper.

Answer to the charge of not attending the church and of disregarding the letter written to us by the Presbytery: We plead not guilty of wilful and persistent neglect of the church. On the contrary, we love the church as dearly as we love our own home, for here we had attended the preaching of the gospel from childhood. We have declined to attend the church since the election of the present Session, because they, by their conduct, had rendered themselves unacceptable to us and had caused us to feel that we were not acceptable to them. We did not feel that we could come to the church, when we had reason to believe that those in authority did not want us.

They, *i. e.*, the present Session, countenanced and encouraged the getting up and circulation of a petition against their brethren in the session. They allowed said petition to go to Presbytery, which petition was objectionable to us in its origin and circulation. They have professed great willingness to resign, while at the same time they have accepted and held office, although they knew they were objectionable to a large minority of the members.

As to the manner in which we received the letter written to us by Presbytery, we say that we did not intend to treat the Presbytery with contempt. We thought it was written without a definite knowledge of the circumstances. We were urged in the letter to honor men who were over us in the Lord, when we did not feel that they were so over us. We felt that we should obey God, rather than men, and we have been conscientious and striving to act from a sense of duty in the whole matter. We do not believe that the last election was conducted in the right spirit."

Presbytery after hearing this paper then referred the whole matter to the following committee, viz: Revs. G. A. Wilson, W. R. Coppedge, and ruling elder W. S. Moore, to report to-morrow morning what action should be taken.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, July 23d.

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved. The committee appointed to recommend suitable action in the matter before Presbytery, presented the following report;

The committee to whom was referred the investigation by Presbytery of reports charging certain members of New Hope Church with wilfully absenting themselves from the worship of God, in connection with the church of which they are members, respectfully submit the following report.

1. WHEREAS, this investigation has made it perfectly clear that these parties have thus wilfully absented themselves from the worship of God, in connection with the church of which they are members, and that they have pursued this course only because three persons have been chosen ruling elders, who were personally

unacceptable to them, and whom they considered unsuitable for the office, and

2. WHEREAS, Presbytery cannot consider this reason sufficient to justify such a course of conduct, consistently with the form of Government, which requires that the minority shall submit to the will of the majority in the election of officers, therefore,

Presbytery must, according to the rules of Discipline and the standards of the church, consider their conduct in this matter an offence, a sin against God, the proper object of judicial process (Bk. of Dis. Ch. 3. par. 1, Sect. 152: Ch. 12. par. 2, Sect. 235. Conf. Faith, Ch. 21, par 6: Ch. 26, par. 2.) Therefore we the committee recommend that Presbytery proceed to institute process in accordance with Bk. Dis. Ch. 5. par. 2, Sec. 162.

Respectfully Submitted,

G. A. WILSON.
W. S. MOORE.

Rev. W. R. Coppedge, dissenting from this report, presented the following:

The committee appointed to suggest to Presbytery a course of action in regard to the state of affairs in New Hope Church, would respectfully suggest the following.

While Presbytery is not prepared to say that the course pursued by the parties who have been absenting themselves from the Church since the last election of officers is the course that was proper—inasmuch as these parties declare that they *believed* it was right, we do not consider it necessary to formulate charges against them, or make them subjects of discipline, and inasmuch as it appears that peace and harmony is not likely to be established between the ministry and the majority of dissentients in said congregation the Presbytery grants the request of the petitions for a new organization to be called———church.

The Presbytery thinks it proper further to commend the present Session of New Hope Church for their faithfulness and forbearance in dealing with the trouble in said congregation.

SIGNED, W. R. COPPEDGE.

Both papers were read and received, and pending a motion to adopt the majority report, Presbytery took recess till half past one o'clock this evening.

After recess Presbytery convened again and Rev. G. A. Wilson stated that Mr. David Claytor felt aggrieved at certain allusions made to his connection with this trouble and asked to be heard. Presbytery granted the request and Mr. Claytor made his statement.

Presbytery then proceeded to consider the majority report. Rev. R. W. Culbertson offered as an amendment to the report of the committee that all of the first paragraph be stricken out and the following be inserted:

"WHEREAS, this investigation has resulted in raising a strong presumption that these persons have wilfully absented themselves from the public worship of God, at the Church of which they are members, and from the Lord's table, treated with contempt the lawful authority of the Session, and disregarded the admonitions of Presbytery, the only reason for such conduct given by them, being that the present board of Elders was not acceptable to themselves, etc.

This amendment was adopted.

The minority report was called for and read and on a motion to adopt was rejected.

The majority report as amended was then adopted and in accordance with its recommendation Rev. J. H. Smith, D. D., was appointed prosecutor to prepare the indictment and conduct the case.

On motion, Rev. Jas. L. Currie was appointed to confer with the parties and ascertain if they were willing to have the case issued at this meeting. Rev. W. F. Wilhelm and Mr. C. E. Parish were added to the committee and the parties had leave to retire for Conference. Presbytery then took recess for fifteen minutes.

After recess, presbytery was called to order and Rev. Dr. Smith presented the indictment as follows:

WHEREAS, at a meeting of the Presbytery of Orange convened at New Hope, July 22, 1890, called to investigate and settle the

troubles in this church and remove the existing difficulty if possible, and whereas reports affecting the christian character of certain members of this church were at this meeting brought to the attention of Presbytery, and the parties being present and heard through their chosen representative, Rev. J. L. Currie, and by some of their own number, and their explanation not being satisfactory, Presbytery resolved to institute process and Rev. Dr. Smith was appointed Prosecutor to prepare the indictment and conduct the case—therefore, in the name of the Presbyterian Church in the United States,

1. The charge is that the following persons to-wit: (*here follow the names*) have wilfully absented themselves from the public worship of God, at the church of which they are members and from the Lod's table, ever since the election of certain ruling elders, a period of over one year.

2ND CHARGE. That the same persons have persistently treated with contempt, the lawful authority of the Session.

3RD CHARGE. That the same persons have disregarded the admonitions of the Presbytery.

All which conduct thus persisted in is against the peace, unity and purity of the church, and the honor and majesty of the Lord Jesus Christ as the King and head thereof.

Witnesses to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd charges the following persons: Irvin Kirkland, W. G. Strayhorn, David Claytor, Jas. D. Long, C. W. Johnston, W. C. Claytor and J. T. Hogan.

Signed, J. HENRY SMITH,
Prosecutor.

The charges being read the committee made answer for the parties charged, as follows: "We hereby submit our case to Presbytery and request the Presbytery to take immediate action."

On motion, Presbytery resolved to sit with closed doors to consider the nature of the censure to be inflicted. The names of two of the persons reported by the Session were not included in the sentence of the court as they were unable to be present during the progress of the case. The following resolution was then adopted, viz:

WHEREAS, (*here follow the names*) communicating members of New Hope Church have been charged with the sin of wilfully absenting themselves from their own church and from the Lord's table, treating with contempt the authority of the session and disregarding the admonitions of Presbytery, and,

WHEREAS, These persons waive all right of trial and submit themselves to the judgment of the Presbytery, therefore,

Resolved, That these persons before mentioned, communicating members of New Hope Church, be and they hereby are suspended from the sealing ordinances of the Church for one year.

On motion, Rev. Dr. Smith was appointed to announce the sentence of the court and inflict the censure determined upon.

The doors were then opened and the congregation reassembled. The parties charged were requested to come forward, and in the presence of the congregation and the Presbytery, they were solemnly warned of the guilt of their conduct, and cut off from the communion and privileges of the Church for one year from this date.

The Presbytery then adjourned, after approving the minutes, with prayer and the benediction.

ATTEST. H. T. DARNALL,
Stated Clerk.

MINUTES OF A PRO-RE-NATA MEETING HELD IN GREENSBORO, N. C., SEPTEMBER 10TH, 1890.

Orange Presbytery met in the study of Dr. J. H. Smith, D. D., and was constituted with prayer. The meeting was called by the Moderator in accordance with the provisions of the book of Church order.

PRESENT: *Ministers.*—Rev. E. W. Smith, Moderator, J. H. Smith, D. D., C. Miller and R. W. Culbertson, with Rruling Elder Dr. R. F. Robertson, of First Church, Greensboro.

Rev. C. Miller was appointed Temporary Clerk. The object of the meeting was stated to be the reception of a young man under care of Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry.

The young man not appearing and it being probable that he was detained by an accident on the Railroad, Presbytery adjourned to meet on Friday, September 12th, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Closed with prayer.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th, 11 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer. The same persons were present as at the previous meeting.

Mr. J. C. Story appeared before Presbytery to place himself under its care.

Rev. R. W. Culbertson stated that he was a member in good standing, of Bethel Church, of which he was pastor.

Mr. Story was then examined on experimental religion and his motives for seeking the ministry and the examination being sustained as satisfactory, he was received under care of the Presbytery and his name ordered to be enrolled among our candidates.

He was then directed to report from time to time to Rev. C. Miller, Chairman of the Committee of Education. After reading the miuutes the presbytery then adjourned. Closed with prayer.

C. MILLER.
Temporary Clerk.

ATTEST.
H. T. DARNALL,
Stated Clerk.

MINUTES

OF THE

TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE

PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE,

HELD AT

WINSTON, N. C,, COMMENCING OCT. 8TH, 1890.

WINSTON, OCTOBER 8, 1890.

The Presbytery of Orange met pursuant to adjournment in the Presbyterian Church, of Winston, N. C., at 8 o'clock, P. M., and in the absence of the Moderator was opened with a sermon by Rev. J. H. Smith, D. D., from Psalm 138:2.

After sermon, Presbytery was constituted with prayer, by Rev. S. O. Hall, the last Moderator present.

PRESENT.

Ministers.	*Elders.*	
T. U. Faucette	W. D. Smith	Red House Church.
J. H. Smith, D. D.	Judge J. A. Gilmer	1st Greensboro "
H. T. Darnall	G. W. Watts	Durham "
J. L. Currie	Jas. Irvine	Reidsville "
D. I. Craig	C. E. Parish	Hillsboro "
W. F. Wilhelm	W. F. Carter	Mt. Airy "
S. O. Hall	W. G. Anderson	Madison "
W. R. Coppedge	G. L. Walker	Griers' "
R. W. Culbertson,	R. C. Rankin	Bethel "
E. P. Davis,	N. E. Rankin	Midway "
J. H. Lacy,	T. J. Wilson	Winston "
G. A. Wilson	T. C. Ford	Lexington "
C. Miller, (2)	S. J. Crawford	Cross Roads "
	J. T. Finley	Wilkesboro "
	T. C. Neal, (2)	Bethesda "
	Major R. Bingham.(2)	Mebanesville "
	H. H. Wilson, (2)	Little River "
	Duncan Brown, (2)	Fairfield "
	J. C. Wharton, (2)	Westminster "
	W. N. Mebane, (2)	Wentworth "

Rev. J. Horace Lacy was chosen Moderator and Rev. W. R. Coppedge and Ruling Elder W. T. Carter, Temporary Clerk.

The following hours of meeting were adopted, viz:

Presbytery will commence at 9 A. M., continue till 12:30. Recess until 3 P. M., continue till 5 P. M. Recess until 8 P. M., and continue at pleasure.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

THURSDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer.

The minutes were read and approved.

Judge Jno. A. Gilmer was appointed Treasurer *pro-tem.*

A letter was read from Rev. W. P. McCorkle giving satisfactory reasons for absence.

The following committees were appointed:

1. On Devotional Exercises, Revs. E. P. Davis, J. L. Currie, and Elder T. J. Wilson.

2. On Minutes of Gen. Assembly, J. H. Smith, D. D., W. F. Wilhelm and Elder C. E. Parish.

3. On Leave of Absence, Revs. G. A. Wilson, S. O. Hall, and Elder Jas. Irvine.

4 On Installiations, Revs. W. R. Coppedge, R. W. Culbertson and Elder G. W. Watts.

5. On Calls and Supplies, Revs. D. I. Craig, S. O. Hall and Elder J. A. Gilmer.

The call from High Point Church for the pastoral services of Rev. W. P. McCorkle was referred to the committee on calls and supplies.

The request of Mt. Airy Church for aid in supporting a pastor whenever one should be secured, was referred to the same.

Rev. R. W. Culbertson, Agent of Sunday Schools pre-

sented the following resolutions as having been adopted at the Spring Meeting, but inadvertently omitted from the minutes and asked that Presbytery take action looking to the holding of a Sunday School Convention at this meeting of Presbytery:

Resolved, 1. That the Sunday Schools under our charge be urged, when practicable, to hold regular or occasional Teachers' meetings.

2. That we hold a Sunday School Convention on the second day of the fall meeting of Presbytery.

It was accordingly ordered that the Sunday School convention be held as the first order for this afternoon.

The order of the day having arrived, Presbytery engaged in devotional exercises.

The Committee appointed to re-arrange the Examining Commttees reported as follows, which was adopted:

1st.	Committee.	Rev.	S. O. Hall and W. P. McCorkle.
2nd	"	"	E. W. Smith and J. H. Lacy.
3rd	"	"	J. H. Smith, D. D., and G. A. Wilson.
4th	"	"	D. I. Craig and H. T. Darnall.
5th	"	"	C. Miller and T. W. Faucette.
6th	"	"	J. H. Smith, D. D., and W. F. Wilhelm.
7th	"	"	W. R. Coppedge and R. W. Culbertson.
8th	"	"	E. P. Davis and J. L. Currie.

The Committee appointed to install Rev. G. A. Wilson, at Cross Roads Church, reported that duty performed on the 18th of May, and that to install him at Hawfield's Church, that the duty was performed, May 25th, 1890.

The Committee appointed to install Rev. W. R. Coppedge, at Graham Church, reported the duty performed.

The Missionary supplies appointed at the Spring Meeting,reported their duties performed except in three cases, when providentially prevented.

Rev. H. H. Brown, of the Baptist Church of Winston, and Rev. Mr. Pritt, of the Baptist Church of Mt. Airy, were introduced and invited to sit as visiting brethren.

It was ordered that to-night at 8 o'clock, Presbytery should hold a conference on Foreign Missions.

Rev. E. S. Davis presented a detailed report as Agent of Publication, which was received and approved, and the following recommendations adopted:

1. That the cause of Publication be brought more prominently before our people in all its phases, as an important element in our Home Missionary work, as a means of disseminating good religious literature, etc., during the next year.

2. That each Session appoint an active, influential agent for the North Carolina Presbyterian (if one has not been appointed) with whom the Presbyterial agent can correspond.

3. That we commend the North Carolina Presbyterian to all our people as a reliable medium of religious news; as an exponent of Presbyterian doctrines and methods; as an important factor in the development of Christian life in the family and as a paper that has primary claims upon their patronage.

4. That as a Presbytery we recommend and urge that our congregations, Sabbath Schools and Ministers purchase their religious books, tracts, &c., through the direct agency of our Committee of Publication in Richmond, Va., provided they can be obtained as cheaply as from other publishing houses.

Signed, E. P. DAVIS,
Agent of Publication for Orange Presbytery.

Boswell B. Palmer, a colored licentiate, made a verbal report through Rev. T. U. Faucette, and presented a request for ordination. A further request from the same for a donation of books was referred to the Agent of Publication.

The request for ordination was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. T. U. Faucette, D. I. Craig, W. F. Wilhelm and ruling elders J. A. Gilmer and S. J. Crawford to report at this meeting.

Licentiate Simon G. Walker, (colored) presented a report of his labors which was referred to the same committee. Presbytery then took recess till 3 P. M.

After recess Presbytery convened and Rev. W. F. Wilhelm and Dr. J. A. McLean commissioners to the General Assembly, reported attendance and their diligence thereto was approved.

Rev. R. W. Culbertson reported a program of exercises for the Sunday School Convention, which was approved and Presbytery gave place at once for its meeting.

After the Convention, Presbytery resumed business and received an invitation from the Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., of Winston, to visit their rooms at pleasure, for which Presbytery returned its thanks.

Presbytery then took recess till 8 P. M.

After recess, Presbytery met and after devotional exercises proceeded to the consideration of the report on Foreign Missions. In the absence of Rev. E. W. Smith, the Agent of Foreign Missions, Rev. E. P. Davis, presented a report. This was approved and the Presbytery, after a pleasant conference on the subject, took the usual Presbyterial collection.

The committee on devotional exercises reported recommending preaching on to-morrow night by Rev. D. I. Craig, which was adopted.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

Rev. J. E. Fogartie, of the Presbytery of South Carolina, was introduced and invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The following report on the re-arrangement of the

questions to be sent down to the Session was received and approved:

The committee to which was referred the matter of suggesting desirable changes in the topics to be embraced in the narrative of the state of religion would report as follows:

1. We recommend that the question as to the observance of the Monthly Concert of prayer be changed to—"*What indications are there that your church is interested in the cause of Foreign Missions?*"

2. We recommend that the question as to the religious instruction of the colored people be changed to—"*Has your Church any Mission Schools, Chapels, &c?*"

3. We recommend that these questions be added:

Are parents attending to the religious instruction of their Children?

Are your members living in harmony and brotherly love?

4. We recommend that the special subjects to be embraced in the narrative of the state of religion within the bounds of each congregation shall be:

Official fidelity of officers; Regularity and average attendance upon the Public Services of the sanctuary; Prayer Meetings; Observance of the Sabbath, Family Worship; home religious training; Bible Classes and Sabbath Schools; harmony and brotherly love; revivals, conversions and additions to the Church by profession; evidences of special interest in the cause of Foreign Missions; Mission Schools and Chapels; contributions to the benevolent objects of the Church; prevalence of Intemperance and worldly amusements; and any facts going to show the spiritual growth or decline of the church.

The narrative shall always be sufficiently full as to give some fair and adequate idea of the religious condition of the church.

Respectfully submitted,

C. MILLER.
H. T. DARNALL
Committee

Letters of dismission from the Presbytery of South Carolina transferring Rev. J. E. Fogartie to this Presbytery were received, and being found in order, Mr. Fo-

gartie was after due examination received and enrolled as a member of this Presbytery.

An appliction was received from the Presbytery of Albemarle asking that the historical sketches of such churches as are now within their bounds be transferred to that Presbytery, which was granted.

The following recommendations from the report on Foreign Missions were adopted:

1. That each pastor or Evangelist be recommended to make use of the "Extra-cent-a-day" plan in his church, or churches.

2 That our ministers be urged to preach frequently and plainly on the duty of individual self denial in order to give to the Lord, and on the danger, the insidiousness and the awful and unsuspected prevalence of *covetousness* among professing christians.

The following report of the committee on the Minutes of the Assembly was received and approved:

The committee appointed to bring to the attention of the Presbytery, such measures and resolutions of the assembly as require action on the part of Presbytery, to their successful carrying out, would specify that on page 11 of the Minutes the General Assembly recommends to all our churches to place the Bible cause among the objects of Beneficence and to make an annual contribution to it.

On page 32, the Assembly again appoints the Children's day as a Missionary Festival and recommends that all our Sabbath Schools be encouraged to take part in the exercises of the day. In view of such appointment and the great benefit of their observance, the Presbytery expresses its hearty approval of the Childrens' day.

On page 33, the Assembly took action in the matter of lotteries, declaring them to be an unmitigated evil and a vicious iniquity, and earnestly and affectionately warns our people against them and calls upon them not only to abstain wholly from buying or selling lottery tickets themselves, but also to use their utmost endeavors to restrain all others from so doing. The committee recommends that Presbytery express its hearty concurrence with the Assembly in this matter.

On pp. 35 and 42, our General Assembly again renews the expressions of its clear judgment and strong desire that our candidates for the ministry pursue their studies in our own schools, and our Presbyteries are hereby earnestly requested to do all that in Christian wisdom can be done to secure this result. In connection with this expression in behalf of our own Seminaries, we recommend that we as a Presbytery express our gratification and thanks to God that reports from our own Seminary in Prince Edward County, Virginia, has so much that is encouraging in the steadily increasing number of its students, in the safe financial condition of its funds, in its large and growing library, now reaching to between 14,000 and 15,000 volumes, and receiving additions continually and that two-thirds of the amount for the 5th Professorship has been secured, ($37,336.)

On p. 41, the Assembly in view of the vast importance of the *Publication Cause* and of the great need and the urgent call for the wide circulation of a well selected and pure literature and for increased colportage work, commends again this cause. We recommend that our Presbytery urge its pastors and sessions to adopt measures to increase the contributions to this cause.

The Presbytery would note with thankful pleasure the steadily increasing number from year to year of candidates for the ministry which makes a more urgent call for increased contributions to this great cause. We heartily concur in the appointment of the fourth Thursday of February to be observed in all our congregations as a day of prayer for our youth in schools and colleges and that on this day or at some other suitable time the increasing needs of the Committee of Education be laid before our people by all our ministers. We feel that this is not brought to the attention of our congregations as it deserves to be and as the exigencies of the cause and of the church and country demand.

On p. 44, the Assembly again urges our Sabbath Schools to use our own literature, in lieu of irresponsible sheets, such as Cook's, of Chicago.

On p. 49, the Assembly takes action in the matter of the sanctification of the Lord's Day and utters its special protest against the use on the part of God's people of any and all public conveyances for travel on the Lord's day, against ministers, ruling elders and deacons, office bearers in our own churches making use of such conveyances, as will mar their usefulness as examples to the flock

in which God has set them to govern and serve, and they warn against all drifting away in doctrine or life toward the desecration of this holy day, and this Presbytery concurs with the Assembly in specially disapproving and denouncing the publication and patronage of Sabbath Newspapers, as influential for evil and only evil.

As a presbytery we urge upon our pastors and supplies and churches the special claims and present needs of the cause of the evangelation of the negroes.

It is a matter of joy to which the Assembly calls the attention of the church at large, that our church is expanding in every direction and for that reason increased contributions are needed in every department of its work, so as to prosecute the enterprises of the church with efficiency and success.

We fear that some of our ministers and congregations are not awake to their duty in this regard, the duty of systematic, proportionate giving. The Assembly enjoins upon Presbyteries to institute particular inquiry at every Spring Meeting into the reasons for failure on the part of church to make any of the collections ordered by the Assembly. The Presbytery concurs in this action and our Stated Clerk is directed to docket this item for early attention at our Spring Meeting.

All which is respectfully submitted by your committee.

J. HENRY SMITH, *Chairman.*
W. F. WILHELM.
C. E. PARISH,
Committee.

Rev. W. C. Norman, of the M. E. Church, was introduced and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

An application from Burlington Church for aid from the Church erection fund to the amount of $200 was read and Presbytery resolved to approve the application.

The report of the Committee of Education was read and adopted, viz:

The Committe of Education would respectfully report to Presbytery that it has under its care 12 candidates for the Ministry. Three of these, viz: H. Watson Smith, J. E. Tacker and C. W. Wharton are in the Junior class at Union Theological Seminary.

Six are in Davidson College, R. L. Wharton and R. A. Brown in the Junior class. W. C. Brown and John Wakefield in the Sophmore class. W. K. Forsyth partly in the Sophmore and partly in the Freshman class, and C. F. Rankin in the Freshman class. One is at Catawba college, J. C. Story. One, Mr. S. M. Rankin, who has completed the Junior class at Davidson is now principal of a high school at Steadman, N. C. He hopes to resume his studies next fall. Mr. S. S. Oliver left Davidson College six or seven years ago when near the close of his Sophmore year. He has for some time been rather uncertain as to his course. He has met with difficulties and feels discouraged. We hoped he might see his way clear to re-enter college this fall, but he has not done so, so far as we know. We have not heard from him since last Spring, when he was teaching school, and do not know what he is now doing. While we have sympathized with him in his difficulties, and encouraged him in his purpose of re-entering college, we have not insisted upon it, preferring to leave the decision of that matter to his own will and determination.

Eight of our students receive aid. Seven of them applied for the maximum appropriation of $100, and one for $75, making a total of $775. The apportionment of our Presbytery is $500, but in view of the fact that we need $775, we suggest that your chairman be allowed to call the special attention of our ministers to the fact that we need to sustain the candidates of our own Presbytery more than sixty per cent. more than the amount apportioned to the churches. It especially becomes the churches of Guilford County to be liberal. Eleven of the candidates are from Guilford. Three from the First Church of Greensboro, three from Bethel, one from Buffalo, one from Alamance, two from Westminster, and one from High Point.

Respectfully Submitted,

C. MILLER, *Chairman.*
J. C. WHARTON.
J. W. SCOTT.

The committee on calls and supplies reported, recommending that the calls from New Hope and Chapel Hill Churches for the pastoral services of Rev. J. E. Fogartie be placed in his hands. This was adopted and Mr. Fogartie signified his acceptance of the calls.

The Committee on leave of absence made a report, which was approved.

The committee on Calls and Supplies made a report, recommending that the call of High Point Church for the pastoral services of Rev. W. P. McCorkle remain in his hands till the Spring Meeting of Presbytery; adopted

The consideration of the appointment of Trustees of Davidson College was deferred until the called meeting during the Sessions of Synod at Wilmington.

The order of the day having arrived, Presbytery heard the report of the Agent of Home Missions, which was received and is as follows:

DEAR BRETHREN: It is now nearly one year since the Presbytery began her operations with her present boundaries. At present we are composed of 14 counties and 39 churches. We have four counties with no Presbyterian church in them, viz: Ashe, Alleghany, Person and Stokes, and it is my impression that these counties are largely in the hands, religiously speaking, of the Baptist denomination. In Person county alone they have 8 churches. We have five counties if we include Surry (*i. e.* leaving out Elkin as a Church,) which have only one church each in their bounds, Durham, Forsyth, Davidson, Wilkes and Surry. Caswell has five churches and one Station. Orange and Rockingham have six churches each, and the latter one Station. Alamance and Guilford have eight churches each, and this completes the list.

We have at present, already formed, five Home Mission or Evangelistic fields. Properly speaking, they are Home Mission and not Evangelistic fields; that is they are composed of weak churches, many of them old churches, organized and grouped together, but not able to support their ministers without help. There are twelve churches within the bounds of these five fields, which receive help, viz:

1ST. The Chapel Hill field, or Chapel Hill and New Hope Churches. This is an important field and peculiar to itself. The Rev. J. E. Forgartie is now in charge of the field, having entered upon his work, September 1st, 1890. This field represents only 116 communicants. They raise for the support of their minister, $650.

They are promised from the Central Home Mission Committee $200, and from the Evangelistic fund of Orange Presbytery $150, making a salary of $1000.

2ND. The Caswell field, Yanceyville, Griers, Bethesda, and Harrison's Chapel, (a station) 3 churches. These are all old churches. They once represented much wealth and numbers, but are now weak and feeble.

This field represents 100 communicants. They raise for the support of their minister about $400, or $4 per capita. They are promised from the Central Home Mission Committee $130, and from the Evangelistic fund of Orange Presbytery $120, making a salary of $650, including a comfortable manse.

This field was occupied by Rev. W. R. Coppedge, and was vacated by him in June. Arrangements are now being made to supply this field at once.

3RD. The Burlington field, Burlington, Stony Creek and Springwood churches. This field is in charge of Rev. J. S. Currie. It represents 236 communicants. They raise for the support of their minister $500, or $2.50 per capita.

They are promised from the Central Committee $120, and from the Presbytery's Evangelistic fund $80, making a salary of $700.

4TH. The Jamestown and Speedwell churches which are under the charge of Rev. C. Miller in connection with Alamance church. These two churches have 65 communicants. They raise for minister's support $120, about. They are promised from the Central Committee $50, and from the Evangelistic fund of Presbytery $80, making $250.

5TH. The Mount Airy field, Mt. Airy and Wilkesboro. Rev. A. L. Crawford is in charge at Wilkesboro. Mt. Airy is vacant. Wilkesboro has 15 communicants and raises $200. Mt. Airy has 39 communicants and raises $300, about.

It has been impossible for your Agent to supply this field as a whole, owing to the condition and circumstance of the field at the time when we came into possession of the Wilkesboro church, one year ago. At that time Brother Crawford, of Concord Presbytery, was in charge of Wilkesboro church and is still in charge to the perfect satisfaction of the people. Your Agent has attempted to put a man in charge of the whole field, but under the circumstances it was impossible and besides the church could not agree upon the man. Foreseeing this dilemma your Agent has hereto-

fore insisted upon a different grouping and is still of that opinion, but the Presbytery has ordered otherwise. By a different grouping one small church (Oak Forest) which is now vacant and outside of any group, could be supplied. As it now stands there seems to be no prospect to supply this little church.

This is the condition of Home Mission work in Orange Presbytery, and we have not said a word about those four counties in which there is not a single Presbyterian church. These counties strictly speaking are our Evangelistic field, and we are doing absolutely nothing in them. If we had the means we could plant a church at once in Roxboro, Person county, with flattering prospects and perhaps the same in the other counties. But what are the facts?

Brethren, for our Home Mission work *already formed*, it will require at least $600 per year, independent of the money ($500) which we get from the Central Committee, at Atlanta, and this $600 you know must be raised by the Evangelistic fund. We have apportioned to the churches for this fund $1000, and you must remember that $400 out of this $1000 goes to Dr. Morton, the Synodical Evangelist, which leaves exactly $600.00. Hence you see the importance of each church raising the amount apportioned for Evangelistic work, work that is already formed. Now what shall we say about those destitute counties or fields? Shall we go on and form new fields and inaugurate new work? Shall your Agent employ ministers and send them there, with the promise of certain salaries where we have not a dollar, for more than we are now promising to do? Shall we raise the assessments ? You say they are too high now. Shall we raise Dr. Mortin's salary differently?

It will be seen from the statistical report that the $560.87 paid in is a little more than one half of the $1000, apportioned to the churches. But including $278.13 paid by certain churches and individuals on the Debt, and the amount $86.48 on hand April 1st, and also a special collection of $10.20 for Dr. Morton, the total sum actually paid for Evangelistic work since April 1st to October 1st (including amount on hand at that time) is $935.68. This is an increase of between $400.00 and $500.00 by the *present* Orange Presbytery against the same time last year when Orange and Albemarle were one. This is a matter of thankfulness and great encouragement and the same thing holds good in regard to

Foreign Missions, in fact there has been an encouraging increase all along the line,

Now out of $935.68 received up to October 1st, we have paid as follows:

On the Church Debt, collected for that purpose	$378.25
To Dr. Morton, four-tenths of collections and special	196.01
" Rev. W. R. Coppedge, in full	45.00
" Rev. J. L. Currie, in full to December 1st	80.00
" Rev. C. Miller, in full to December 1st	80.00
" Rev. J. E. Fogartie, first Half to March 1st, 1890	75.00
" For Bibles for Licentiates	3.00
Total	$857.26

Leaving a balance from $935.68 of $78.42 in hand.

But you will perceive that by being restricted to four-tenths of the church collections for the payment of Dr. Morton's salary (and the churches failing to come up to their apportionment) it leaves us in debt to him December 1st the amount of $204.99.

This arrearage to Dr. Morton and a balance on the church debt of $63.25 is the sum total of our indebtedness, October 1st, 1890, and we have in hand, $78.42.

HOME MISSION FUND.

Collected and sent on to Central Committee at Atlanta from April 1st to October 1st, $228.66. The apportionment of the churches to this cause is $700 and of this amount we are promised $500. The January collection is yet to come to be accounted for in the foregoing amount to be raised.

INVALID FUND, (JULY.)

Collected and sent to Central Committee, $174.46.

The Churches apportioned, $300.

Mrs. C. H. Wiley is the only applicant now on our rolls and she receives yearly $100. I have had no request from Rev. C. N. Morrow this year.

D. I. CRAIG,
Agent.

It was ordered that the schedule of appointments for Rev. W. D. Morton, Synodical Evangelist, during the five weeks of his labor in this Presbytery, be left entirely with the Agent of Home Missions, except that Speed-

well Church be included in the list of appointments. Presbytery then took recess till 3 P. M.

After recess, Presbytery again convened.

On motion, it was ordered that the apportionments of the Churches for all purposes remain the same and that $175 be appropriated to the Mt. Airy Church.

Rev. Mr. Purnell of the Baptist Church was introduced and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Rev. E. W. Smith and J. H. Lacy were appointed to visit Grier's Church and hold a continued meeting before the Spring Meeting of Presbytery, if the way be clear.

An application from Worthville Church to employ Rev. C. Miller for half his time was ordered to be deferred until the called meeting of Presbytery during Synod.

On motion, the Agent of Home Missions was directed to confer further with Mr. W. S. Moore relative to his continuance as Treasurer of Presbytery.

Westminster Church was chosen as the place and Tuesday the 14th of April at 11 A. M., as the time for the next stated meeting.

Revs. C. Miller, D. I. Craig and Ruling Elder John A. Gilmer were appointed a committee to consider the advisability of co-operating with the Assembly's committee in our Evangelistic as well as our Home Mission work and report at the Spring Meeting.

Revs. C. Miller, J. H. Smith, D. D., and Ruling Elder T. H. Wilson were appointed a committe to consider the advisability of Presbytery holding its meetings among the churches in regular rotation, and report at the Spring Meeting.

The committee of installations reported as follows, which was approved:

That Rev. J. E. Fogartie be installed at Chapel Hill on the 4th Sunday in November, Rev. E. P. Davis to

preach and charge the Pastor, Rev. H. T. Darnall to propound the Constitutional questions, and charge the people.

That Brother Fogartie be installed at New Hope Church, on the 5th Sunday in November, Rev. Dr. Smith to preach and charge the Pastor, Rev. W. R. Coppedge to propound the questions and charge the people.

The committee to which was referred the request of the colored licentiate, Boswell Palmer, and the report of Simon G. Walker, reported as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the matters concerning the colored licentiates, Palmer and Walker, recommend:

1ST. That these brethren go forward in their work of preaching the gospel and establishing Sunday Schools and gathering in applicants for connection with the Presbyterian Church, and that they call in some ordained minister of our Presbytery to receive such members and administer the sacraments whenever necessity requires it, and

2ND. The committee recommends that when *the way is clear* to organize churches in their fields, that the Presbytery will provide for such organization.

Furthermore, we recommend that Simon G. Walker continue to explore fields in the western part of Orange Presbytery, giving special attention to Danbury and Elkin, until the Spring Meeting of Presbytery, and that $50 be allowed to Walker in his field.

Respectfully Submitted.

T. U. FAUCETTE, *Chairman.*
W. F. WILHELM.
D. I. CRAIG.
S. J. CRAWFORD.
JOHN A. GILMER.
Committee.

Presbytery then took recess till 8 p. m.

After reeess, Presbytery again convened.

Rev. Mr. Irving, of the Methodist Church was introduced and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Presbytery considered further the committee's report concerning the colored licentiates and adopted it.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9, O'CLOCK.

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved. The Committee on Calls and Supplies reported the following supplies between this and the Spring Meeting, and the report was adopted:

For Yanceyville.....Revs. W. R. Coppedge and T. U. Faucette
" Speedwell.....Rev. S. O. Hall
" Mt. Airy.....Rev. E. W. Smith and E. P. Davis
" Oak Forest.....Rev. D. I. Craig and R. W. Culbertson
To visit Roxboro.....Rev. H. T. Darnall

The Treasurer was directed to pay the Agent of Home Missions, $25 for services rendered during the year.

The usual vote of thanks was tendered the people of Winston for their kind hospitality and to the Methodist and Baptist Churches for courtesies extended the Presbytery, and Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Wilmington during the Session of Synod, on call of the Moderator. Closed with singing, prayer and the apostolic benediction.

ATTEST, H. T. DARNALL,
Stated Clerk.

ASSESSMENTS AND APPORTIONMENTS.

NAMES OF THE CHURCHES.	Foreign Missions. May.	Home Missions. Jan. and August.	Invalid Fund. July.	Education. April and November.	Publication. March.	Evang. Work, including Syn'd Ev'g'list, June & Sep.	Colored Institute. December.	Church Erection.	Presbyterial Fund.	Totals.
Alamance	$ 50	$20	$10	$20	$ 8	$36	$ 5	$ 7	$ 12	$168
Bethel	38	20	8	20	6	36	5	5	12	150
Bethesda	10	6	2	4	3	8	2	2	4	41
Buffalo	40	18	5	15	5	25	5	4	10	127
Bethlehem	18	15	4	10	3	20	2	2	5	79
Burlington	16	12	7	5	4	15	3	3	5	70
Chapel Hill	38	12	5	8	5	15	3	5	8	99
Cross Roads	45	20	12	18	5	36	3	8	15	159
Durham	45	25	12	20	8	36	8	8	15	177
Eno	12	5	2	3	3	8	2	2	2	39
Fairfield	6	5	2	3	3	6	2	2	2	31
Graham	170	60	20	45	12	90	10	15	25	447
Greensboro	300	120	50	100	20	175	15	25	40	845
Griers	10	5	2	3	3	6	2	2	3	36
Hawfields	45	20	12	18	5	36	3	8	15	162
High Point	15	12	5	6	5	15	3	5	6	72
Hillsboro	35	12	12	7	5	15	5	8	6	105
Jamestown	7	5	3	3	2	7	2	2	3	34
Leaksville	20	15	5	5	5	18	5	4	8	85
Lexington	25	15	5	10	5	20	3	4	15	102
Little River	20	15	5	10	3	20	2	3	10	88
Madison	37	15	5	10	5	20	5	4	10	111
Mebane	60	30	12	20	7	40	5	6	15	195
Midway	5	5	2	3	3	6	2	2	4	32
Milton	50	25	12	15	5	30	5	7	12	161
Mt. Airy	5	4	1	3	3	5	2	2	3	28
New Hope	15	6	3	5	3	10	2	2	6	52
Oak Forest	5	2	1	2	2	4	1	2	3	22
Red House	15	8	3	5	3	10	4	12	5	65
Reidsville	45	25	12	20	7	35	5	5	17	171
Speedwell	5	3	1	2	2	5	2	2	2	24
Spring Wood	15	12	3	8	3	15	2	2	6	66
Stoney Creek	18	7	3	6	3	12	2	2	4	57
Wentworth	18	6	2	5	3	10	2	2	5	53
Westminster	75	20	12	20	8	20	8	6	10	179
Winston	275	85	45	50	20	130	20	25	25	675
Wilkesboro	10	5	3	4	3	10	2	2	2	41
Yanceyville	7	5	2	3	2	6	2	2	2	31

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Minutes of a Called Meeting Held at Greensboro November 25th, 1890.

Greensboro, N. C., Nov. 25, 1890.

Presbytery met on the call of the Moderator, and was constituted with prayer.

Present: Ministers—J. H. Smith, D. D., C. Miller, J. L. Currie, E. W. Smith and J. H. Lacy. Ruling Elders—G. A. Denny, J. C. Wharton and Judge John A. Gilmer.

Rev. C. Miller was appointed Temporary Clerk.

Rev. E. W. Smith tendered the resignation of his pastoral charge at Westminster church, with a view to accepting the duties of Synodical Evangelist, to which he had been called by the late Synod.

The congregation of Westminster church was heard through Rev. Dr. Smith, who had moderated their meeting, and gave their reluctant consent to the dissolution of his pastoral relation, being satisfied as to the fitness of their pastor for the position to which he had been called.

The pastoral relation of Rev. E. W. Smith and Westminster church was then dissolved.

Rev. J. H. Lacy tendered his resignation of his pastoral charge at Mebanesville and Bethlehem churches.

Mebanesville church was heard by letter, giving their reluctant consent to the request of their pastor.

No communication was received frem Bethlehem church, but as they had been asked to concur in this request, and had taken no action to the contrary, it thus seeming that the church would not oppose the dissolution, Presbytery dissolved the relation, and directed Rev. J. H. Lacy to declare the pulpits of both churches vacant. The Temporary Clerk was directed to write to Bethlehem church, informing them of this action and the reasons for it.

A call was then presented from Westminster church for the pastoral services of Rev. J. H. Lacy, and being found in order, was placed in his hands and accepted, and Revs. Dr. Smith and C. Miller were appointed a committee to install him at such time as may seem most convenient to all parties.

Rev. E. W. Smith offered his resignation as Agent of Foreign Missions, which was accepted, and Rev. J. H. Lacy appointed in his stead until the Spring meeting of Presbytery.

Presbytery then adjourned. Closed with prayer.

C. MILLER,
Temporary Clerk.

Attest: H. T. DARNALL,
Stated Clerk.

Minutes of a Called Meeting of Orange Presbytery Held at Wilmington, N. C.

Wilmincton, Oct. 23, 1890.

The Presbytery of Orange met at the call of the Moderator, in the First Presbyterian church of Wilmington, after divine worship, and was constituted with prayer.

Present: Ministers—J. H. Smith, D. D., W. F. Wilhelm, C. Miller, J. L. Currie, W. R. Coppedge, S. O. Hall, G. A. Wilson and J. H. Lacy. Ruling Elders—Judge Jno. A. Gllmer, J. C. Wharton and G. A. Denny.

Rev. C. Miller was appointed Temporary Clerk.

Synod having re-transferred Randolph county, to Orange Presbytery, and its two churches, Asheboro and Worthville, being vacant, Presbytery resolved to group

them with Alamance church, under the care of Rev. C. Miller.

The churches of Speedwell and Jamestown being thus left vacant, Speedwell was placed under the care of Rev. D. I. Craig in connection with Reidsville, and Jamestown under care of Rev. W. P. McCorkle, in connection with High Point and Lexington.

The Agent of Home Missions was directed to pay Simon G. Walker for his services as licentiate, until the Spring meeting of Presbytery, fifty dollars additional to the fifty dollars appropriated to him at Winston. This last fifty to be reserved out of the December collection for Colored Evangelization, or from any other source deemed best by the Agent.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator. Closed with prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING, OCT. 24, 1890.

Presbytery met at 9:30 at the call of the Moderator.

Rev. S. O. Hall acted as Moderator.

On motion it was resolved that a committee consisting of Revs. E. P. Davis, E. W. Smith and Ruling Elder J. M. Rogers be appointed to visit Danbury and Elkin and inquire into the work of S. G. Walker, with a view to organizing colored churches at these points, and report to Presbytery at its Spring meeting, or sooner if necessary.

Presbytery then took recess to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Presbytery was convened again after the adjournment of Synod on Friday night.

Rev. E. P. Davis was elected a Trustee of Davidson College.

The committee appointed to confer with the Treas-

urer made a verbal report, which was accepted and the committee continued.

The Minutes were read and approved, and Presbytery adjourned. Closed with prayer and the benediction.

C. MILLER,
Temporary Clerk.

Attest: H. T. DARNALL,
Stated Clerk.

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OF THE

TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY-SECOND SESSSION OF THE

PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE,

HELD IN WESTMINSTER CHURCH, GREENSBORO, N. C.,

COMMENCING APRIL 14TH, 1891.

WESTMINSTER CHURCH,

GREENSBORO, N. C., April 14th, 1891.

Presbytery met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by Rev. W. F. Wilhelm from John X:15, "I lay down my life for the sheep."

After sermon the Presbytery was constituted with prayer, and the following ministers and Elders were found present:

Ministers	*Elders*	*Churches*
Thos. U. Faucette,	Dr. Jno. Wilson,	Milton.
J. H. Smith, D. D.,	Judge J. H. Dillard,	Greensboro, 1st.
H. T. Darnall,	R. M. Denny,	Reidsville.
C. Miller,	D. D. Gillespie,	Westminster.
J. L. Currie,	W. T. Chambers,	Madison.
D. I. Craig,	T. A. Ratliffe,	Wentworth.
W. F. Wilhelm,	W. N. Sites,	Buffalo.
S. O. Hall,	A. T. Whitsett,	Midway.
W. R. Coppedge,	T. C. Ford.	Lexington.
R. W. Culbertson,	E. C. Murray,	Cross Roads.
E. P. Davis,	W. C. Donnell.	Graham.
J. H. Lacy,	C. W. Johnson,	New Hope.
W. P. McCorkle.	W. D. Woods,	Little River.
G. A. Wilson,	S. M. Wilkinson,	Fairfield.
J. E. Fogartie, (3)	J. W. Sharp,	Burlington.
	C. E. Parrish,	Hillsboro.
	W. M. Wiley, (2)	Jamestown.
	J. L. Haynes, (2)	Speedwell.

Ministers	*Elders*	*Churches*
	A. H. Scott, (2)	Alamance.
	G. L. Walker, (2)	Griers.
	H. P. Foard, (2)	Leaksville.
	G. W. Wharton, (2)	Bethel.
	Jno. B. Smith, (3)	Red House.
	T. J. Brown, (3)	Winston.
	S. A. White, (3)	Hawfields.
	T. M. Cheek, (3)	Mebanesville.
	W. F. Carter, (3)	Mt. Airy.
	W. C. Denny, (3)	High Point.

Rev. G. A. Wilson was elected Moderator, and Rev. S. O. Hall and Elder A. T. Whitsett Temporary Clerks.

The reading of the minutes of the last stated meeting was dispensed with, being printed. The minutes of intervening meetings were read and approved.

The Moderator appointed the following as a committee on Devotional Exercises: Rev. J. H. Lacy, Judge J. H. Dillard and D. D. Gillespie.

The committee reported at once, recommending the following hours of meeting: Presbytery to convene at 10 A. M., to sit at will. To convene after recess at 3 P. M., to sit at will, and to convene after divine service at 8 P. M., and sit at will.

Rev. W. P. McCorkle was excused from absence at last stated meeting.

Rev. J. W. Jones of the M. E. Church, was introduced, and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Presbytery then took recess till 3 P. M.

WESTMINSTER CHURCH, 3 P. M.

After recess Presbytery met, and the Moderator announced the following standing committees:

On the Narrative—Rev. E. P. Davis, Judge J. H. Dillard.

On Systematic Beneficence—W. R. Coppedge, D. I. Craig and R. M. Denny.

On Treasurer's Account—W. C. Donnell, H. P. Foard.
On Minutes of Synod—C. Miller, Dr. Jno. Wilson.
On Leave of Absence—J. H. Lacy.
On Installations—R. W. Culbertson, D. D. Gillespie.
On Calls and Supplies—D. I. Craig, W. R. Coppege, A. T. Whitsett.
On Sessional Duties—T. U. Faucette, W. T. Chambers.
On Vacant Churches—E. P. Davis, H. T. Darnall, T. C. Ford.
On Sessional Records—
1st Com. W. F. Wilhelm, T. A. Ratliffe.
2nd Com. R. W. Culbertson, E. C. Murray.
3rd Com. W. P. McCorkle, C. W. Johnson.

The following calls and applications for stated supplies were read and referred to the committee on Calls and Supplies:

Call from Lexington church for pastoral services of Rev. W. P. McCorkle for five-eighths of his time at a salary of $400.00.

Application for services as stated supply of Rev. W. P. McCorkle from Jamestown church for one-eighth of his time at a salary of fifty dollars.

Application from Wentworth church for services as stated supply of Rev. S. O. Hall for one-fourth of his time, at a salary of $150.00.

Application for services of Rev. C. Miller as stated supply from Worthville church for three-eighths of his time, at a salary of $200.00.

Application for services of same from Asheboro church for one-eighth of his time, at a salary of $100.00.

Application for services of same from Speedwell church for one-fourth of his time, at a salary of $75.00.

Application for services of Rev. W. W. Ruff, of Abingdon Presbytery, from Mt. Airy church for one-half of his time, at a salary of $300.00.

The Stated Clerk laid before Presbytery a communication from Rev. W. T. Thompson, D. D., with reference to

Presbytery's part of the expenses of the western section of the Executive Commission of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches, amounting to $23.00. The communication was referred to a committee consisting of Rev. W. F. Wilhelm, D. I. Craig and A. T. Whitsett.

An overture was presented from the Session of the First church of Greensboro, asking Presbytery to take some action discouraging the opening of the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago in 1892, on the Lord's day, which was referred to a committee consisting of Judge J. H. Dillard, Revs. W. R. Coppedge and H. T. Darnall.

A communication was received from Rev. Dr. Shearer, relative to the Synod's action as to Church and Christian Education, which was referred to a committee consisting of Revs. E. P. Davis, R. W. Culbertson and Ruling Elder C. W. Johnson.

A communication was received from Rev. A. L. Phillips, Field Secretary of Colored Evangelization, asking for an opportunity to address the Presbytery on that subject, and Friday night at 8 o'clock was appointed as the time.

A communication from Rev. James Stacy was received, relative to Sabbath observance, which was referred to the Stated Clerk for answer.

A circular letter was received from the Secretaries of Foreign Missions, which was referred to Rev. J. H. Lacy, Agent of Foreign Missions.

Narratives of the state of religion were read from the following churches and referred to the Committee on Narrative: Alamance, Asheboro, Worthville, Bethel, Buffalo, High Point, Winston, Lexington, Little River, Fairfield, Eno, Hillsboro, Durham, Cross Roads, Hawfields, First Greensboro, Mt. Airy, Madison, Chapel Hill, Westminster, Wentworth, Leaksville, New Hope, Bur-

lington, Midway, Reidsville, Milton, Jamestown and Stony Creek. (29).

The churches not reporting are Graham, Griers, Mebanesville, Oak Forest, Red House, Speedwell, Springwood, Yanceyville, Bethesda, Bethlehem and Calah. (11).

Presbytery then took recess till after evening service.

After divine service at 8 o'clock, Presbytery was called to order, and adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Wednesday Morning, 10 O'clock.

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

In accordance with the standing rule Presbytery then engaged in devotional exercises for half an hour.

The Session of Reidsville church presented a request that Presbytery appoint a commission to visit that church with a view to adjusting certain troubles therein existing. Referred to a committee consisting of Revs. C. Miller, E. P. Davis and Ruling Elder C. W. Johnson.

Rev. C. Miller, chairman of the committee of Education, presented his report, which was approved, and he was commended for the minute information presented, relative to our candidates. (For report see appendix).

The Agent of Home Missions was directed to secure work, if the way be clear, during the summer vacation for Mr. J. E. Thacker and Mr. C. W. Wharton, students at Union Seminary.

It was further ordered that our candidate, Mr. Rosser F. Brown, be sent out as a Colporter during the summer into our destitute territory, to labor under the supervision of our Agents of Publication, and Rev. C. Miller was instructed to raise for him and his work by private donations the sum of $100.00, if practicable.

Rev. J. R. Brooks, D. D., of the M. E. Church, was introduced and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Rev. J. H. Lacy was elected Agent of Foreign Missions.

Presbytery then took recess till 3 P. M.

WEDNESDAY, 3 P. M.

After recess Presbytery resumed business.

The reports of Missionary supplies were called for, and ministers appointed at the last meeting reported the duty assigned them discharged, with one or two exceptions where it was unavoidably omitted.

The committee appointed to visit Elkin, Danbury and other points and inquire into the work of licentiate Simon G. Walker, reported as follows:

The committee appointed to visit the field in which S. G. Walker is laboring, inquire into his work and report to Presbytery, desire to present the simple facts of the case to this Presbytery at this meeting, and recommend that a commission be appointed to organize a colored church at Elkin at an early date, if the way be clear. The chairman of your committee visited the place, and talked freely with the principal persons who would constitute the church should it be organized, and he finds that there are a dozen who would join at once, and others who are postponing any definite action until it is certain that a church will be organized. Some of these are intelligent and thoughtful, and the white people of Elkin think well of them and are willing to assist in the erection of a house of worship to cost about $300. A lot has been donated and $50 already subscribed. The organization would be small, but promising.

We did not visit Danbury or Madison, as the time has not yet arrived, so far as we can learn, to organize churches at these points.

Respectfully submitted,

E. P. DAVIS,
J. M. ROGERS.

On motion the report was approved and Revs. D. I. Craig, E. P. Davis and J. H. Lacy, with Ruling Elders J. M. Rogers and J. C. Wharton, were appointed a commission to organize a colored church at Elkin, if the way be clear.

The committee to which was referred the matter of Dr. W. T. Thompson, relative to the amount apportioned this Presbytery (viz: $23) for the expenses of the Executive Commission of the Alliance of Reformed Churches, reported recommending that the Stated Clerk ascertain from Dr. Thompson whether or not he has received any funds from any of our churches for this object, and that he be directed to draw on the Treasurer for whatever amount is still due, to be paid out of the Presbyterial fund. The same to be forwarded to Rev. E. A. Ramsey, Treasurer, Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Signed, W. F. WILHELM, *Chairman.*

The report was adopted.

Simon G. Walker, colored licentiate, presented a report of his labors for the past six months, which was approved.

The committee appointed to consider the propriety of holding the meetings of Presbytery in rotation among the churches presented a report, which was received, and the further consideration of it postponed till the Fall meeting, the committee being continued.

The committee to which was referred the request of the Reidsville church, asking a commission to be appointed to visit that church, presented a report, which was received and made the first order of the day for Friday afternoon.

The consideration of the motion to ordain Simon G. Walker was taken up, and after discussion was made the second order of the day for Friday afternoon.

Nominations for Commissioners to the General Assembly was made the first order of the day for to-morrow morning.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at half past nine o'clock. Closed with prayer.

THURSDAY MORNING, 9:30.

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

Rev. E. L. Stamey, of the M. E. Church, was introduced, and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

It was made the first order of the day this evening to hear the report on Systematic Beneficence, and for Friday morning the report on Simultaneous Missionary Meetings.

The order of the day having arrived, the following nominations were received for Commissioners to the General Assembly: Ministers—D. I. Craig, S. O. Hall and C. Miller. Ruling Elders—J. C. Wharton and H. P. Foard.

The election was made the second order of the day for Friday morning.

Rev. R. W. Culbertson, Agent of Sunday Schools, presented his report (appendix), which was received and approved, and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly and Synod.

The following recommendations appended thereto were adopted: 1st, That the church Sessions be earnestly recommended to see that opportunity be given the schools under their care to contribute to other causes than their own expenses.

2nd, That teachers in Sunday Schools be urged to bear in mind that the great end of their teaching is the salvation of the souls of their scholars, and that while grateful to God for all other evidences of His favor, they make it their most earnest prayer that the instructions they give may be savingly blessed of Him.

3rd, That pastors are reminded of their duty to hold special religious services for the benefit of the children of their congregations.

The committee to which was referred the overture from

the First Presbyterian church of Greensboro as to the opening of the Chicago Exposition on the Lord's day presented the following report, which was unanimously adopted.

To the Presbytery of Orange:

The committee to whom is referred the overture from the First Presbyterian church of Greensboro, asking some action by the Presbytery to discourage the opening of the World's Columbian Exposition on the Lord's day, have considered the matter, and beg leave to report.

1st, The Sabbath day, among Christian people, is accepted and believed to be a day of divine appointment and authority, and therefore is obligatory upon us and upon all men.

2nd, That it is a day made for man and needful and indispensable to man in his physical, social, intellectual, moral and spiritual nature.

3rd, That its due observance as commanded in the Scriptures is of vital importance in all said several respects, and in our opinion everything tending to weaken its influence, or in anywise impair its sanctity ought to be avoided and guarded against.

We therefore recommend as the proper action to be taken that the Presbytery approve said overture from the First Presbyterian church of Greensboro, and pass a resolution of urgent request to the commissioners appointed by the State of North Carolina, and through them to the general directory of said Exposition, that the Exposition be not kept open on the Lord's day; and we further recommend that an overture be sent up from the Presbytery to the next General Assembly, asking the proper action by that body to the same end.

It was therefore resolved by the Presbytery,

1st, That the commissioners appointed to represent the State of North Carolina in the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago in 1892 be, and they are hereby, urgently requested to use their utmost influence so to provide that the Exposition will not be kept open on the Lord's day, and that the Clerk of Presbytery make and certify to said commissioners a copy of this resolution.

2nd, That this Presbytery make overture to the General Assembly of our church at its next meeting, that the body take such action as

it may deem best, to prevent the opening of the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago in 1892 on the Lord's day, and that the Clerk certify and send up to the Assembly a copy of this resolution.

Signed, J. H. DILLARD, Chm'n.
H. T. DARNALL,
W. R. COPPEDGE,
Committee.

The report of the Agent of Home Missions was presented by Rev. D. I. Craig, and is as follows:

Your agent would respectfully submit the following report for the year ending March 31st, 1891:

I. PRESBYTERIAL WORK.

1. *Financial.*—It is well known that all the contributions of the churches to the Evangelistic Fund, are used for Home Missions and evangelistic work in our own bounds, besides an additional amount received from the General Home Mission Fund, through the Assembly's committee. As we have no Presbyterial Evangelist in the field, and, strictly speaking, no evangelistic work in operation, the Evangelistic Fund becomes our Home Mission Fund, with the exception that four tenths of it is appropriated to meet our assessment for the salary of the Synodical Evangelist, Dr. Morton.

The balance to the credit of the Evangelistic Fund in the hands of the Treasurer of Presbytery April 1st, 1890, was $86.48. The amount received on the apportionment of the churches from April 1st, 1890, to April 1st, 1891, was $872.85.

This fund has also received from the Winston church $103.51, from the Greensboro church $510, and from the Madison church $510, special collections for the Synodical Evangelist. In addition to this, Dr. Morton reports $72.27 raised in the field. We have received also a dividend of the State National Bank to the amount of $6.98, and the sum of $332.88 has been subscribed and paid by the brethren and churches as a special collection to satisfy an outstanding debt on evangelistic work, which was created before the division of Orange Presbytery. Thus it may be seen that the sum total of this fund, received for the year ending March 31st, 1891, is $1412.90, and this does not include $54.40 paid to the special Maxwell fund. Total receipts $1,539.57.

The expenditures have been as follows:

Paid to Synodical Evangelist on salary	$ 511.51
" " Rev. W. R. Coppedge " "	45.00
" " " C. Miller " "	80.00
" " " Jas. L. Currie " "	80.00
" " " J. E. Fogartie " "	75.00
" " Licentiate S. G. Walker " "	50.00
" " Rev. H. T. Darnall, Stated Clerk	20.00
" " " D. I. Craig	31.00
" " Major Ro. Bingham	5.20
" for Bibles for licentiates	3.00
" to church debt (cancelling it in full)	443.25
Total	$1,341.96

The balance in the hands of the Treasurer April 1st, 1891, is $141.21, which will pay all indebtedness up to June 1st.

The amount apportioned to the churches for this fund was $1,000, and the contributions have fallen below only to the amount of about $125, a marked increase over former years.

Twelve churches have over paid their apportionments, viz: Alamance, Chapel Hill, Durham, Fairfield, Greensboro, Hawfields, Leaksville, Mebane's, Midway, Westminster, Winston, and Wilkesboro.

Three churches have paid in full, viz: High Point, Mt. Airy and Reidsville. Eighteen churches have fallen below their apportionment, viz: Bethel, Buffalo, Burlington, Cross Roads. Eno, Griers, Hlllsboro, Jamestown, Lexington, Little River, Madison, Milton, New Hope, Red House, Speedwell, Springwood, Stony Creek and Wentworth.

Five churches report nothing, viz: Bethesda, Bethlehem, Graham, Oak Forest and Yanceyville.

II. VACANT FIELDS AND CHURCHES.

The Caswell field, comprising three churches, is still vacant, and so is the Mt. Airy field, and besides these we have four other churches which are now vacant, viz: Milton, Oak Forest, Mebane's, and Bethlehem, but none of these churches have been entirely without preaching during the year.

Your Agent has worked hard to supply the Caswell and Mt. Airy

fields, but it has seemed an utter impossibility to do it. On two occasions we thought the Caswell field would be supplied, but the arrangement failed each time. One or two men have been on the ground at Mt. Airy, but all efforts to secure a man have failed. There are difficulties in the way which are hard to overcome. In Caswell the churches are very weak and seem discouraged, and they do not work unitedly, but seem to look to the Presbytery for every effort that is to be made. Your Agent is still in correspondence with the brethren, and indulges the hope that the field will soon be supplied. The prospect for a church at Roxboro is bright, and it is the opinion of your Agent that it should be made a regular preaching point, and to be put into this group. It will scarcely be possible to supply Mt. Airy church, owing to certain changes in her financial prospects, unless she is grouped with some other church.

Licentiate Simon G. Walker (colored) has continued to preach and explore the field, chiefly in Stokes and Surry counties. He has written to me punctually, and seems to have worked with zeal and earnestness; I have no means of knowing, however, with what success. He has been paid during the year, according to the direction of Presbytery, $50.00 from the Evangelistic Fund, and $50.00 from the Colored Evangelistic and Tuskaloosa Fund raised by this Presbytery, and $25.00 from the General Colored Evangelistic Fund at Atlanta. In all, $125.00.

II. SYNODICAL WORK.

1. *Finances.*—At the beginning of the last Presbyterial year, we were due the Synodical Evangelist something less than $100.00. This amount and the subsequent quarterly dues of $100.00 each were all settled at the last meeting of Synod, when a new apportionment was made. Orange Presbytery is assessed for $525.00 from Synod to Synod. One-half of this amount has been paid, up to June 1st, 1891. The total amount raised in the Presbytery for the Synodical Evangelist, Dr. Morton, is $511.57, for Mr. Maxwell $54.40, paid, making $565.97 besides other individual amounts to other Evangelists.

2. *The work in our bounds.*—Dr. Morton and Mr. Maxwell labored in our bounds about eight weeks in the months of October and November. They held protracted services at five churches, viz: Winston, Mt. Airy, New Hope, Bethesda and Speedwell. At

each church it is believed the services were attended with good results. There were quite a number of accessions to some of the churches, and God's people were stimulated to earnestness and strengthened. The meeting at New Hope was especially blessed, and there were about 17 additions.

III. OUR WORK IN CONNECTION WITH THE ASSEMBLY.

1. *Home Missions or Sustentation.*—Our churches are apportioned $700 for this fund. The contributions from April 1st, 1890, to April 1st, 1891, have amounted to $573.83, lacking a little more than $125 of coming up to the apportionment. The following churches have overpaid their part, viz: Buffalo, Burlington, Durham, Fairfield, Graham, Hawfields, Lexington, Mt. Airy, Reidsville and Speedwell.

The following have paid in full their apportionments: High Point, Hillsboro, Stony Creek and Winston.

The following have fallen below: Alamance, Bethel, Chapel Hill, Cross Roads, Eno, Greensboro, Jamestown, Leaksville, Little River Madison, Mebanes, Midway, Milton, Red House, Springwood Wentworth and Westminster.

The following have reported as paying nothing: Bethesda, Bethlehem, Griers, New Hope, Oak Forest, Wilkesboro and Yanceyville.

Last year we asked from this fund $500.00 and received about $300.00. This year we ask for $605.00 to be distributed as follows:

Chapel Hill field		$200
Burlington	"	125
Caswell	"	130
Mt. Airy	"	100
Jamestown	"	25
Speedwell	"	25

It is not at all certain that this amount will be appropriated to us, since the destitute fields in the frontier settlements of our Southern church are considered more needy, and especially since our contributions do not equal the amount asked for.

2. *The Invalid Fund.*—The churches are apportioned $300.00 for this cause. The contributions reported amounted to $212.86. Leaksville, Midway and Winston churches paid more thay their apportionment, the latter $92.21, more than double her apportionment.

Durham, Fairfield, High Point, Lexington, Madison, Stony Creek and Wilkesboro paid their full apportionment. The remainder of the churches fell below, except Bethesda, Bethlehem, Chapel Hill, Graham, Griers, Jamestown, Mt. Airy, New Hope, Oak Forest, Red House, Springwood and Yanceyville, which report as paying nothing.

We have but one applicant who receives benefit from this fund, the widow of one of our beloved and honored brethen, who has gone to his reward. She receives $100 annually.

3. *Church Erection.*—The churches are apportioned $200.00, and have contributed $120.64. Six churches have contributed more than their apportionment, Burlington, Greensboro, Little River, Madison, Midway and Stony Creek. Six have equalled their apportionment, Eno, Jamestown, Lexington, Reidsville, Springwood and Winston. Nine have fallen below, and 17 report nothing. The only church in our bounds which has sought aid from this fund, or for which any appropriation has been made is Burlington church; their building is very neat and handsome, and will soon be furnished and free from debt. The sum of $200.00 has been appropriated to this building, one-half of it a loan, to be returned without interest in two years, the other half a donation. We have no church buildings in process of erection at new points.

4 *The Colored Evangelistic and Tuskaloosa Fund.*—The apportionment to the churches for this fund is $160.00. The contributions reported amount to $80.69. Seventeen churches report nothing as paid to this cause, four paid their apportionment, and three overpaid it, while 14 fell below it. In accordance with the action of Presbytery as understood by your Agent, the sum of $50.00 was taken from this fund and paid to Simon G. Walker. The balance to the amount of $30.69 has been forwarded to the Assembly's committee.

SUMMARY.

The collections for all these causes, amounting in the aggregate to $1,861.19, is a decrease of $128 from last year. There has been an increase over last year in the Invalid and Church Erection funds, but a decrease in the Evangelistic and Home Mission funds, especially in the latter, which has fallen off at least $200. But the total of all the contributions in the Presbytery for all forms of Home

Missions, from all sources (not including the Invalid Fund and Church Erection) is $2,107.62, a large increase over last year.

Signed, D. I. CRAIG,
Agent Home Missions.

In connection with this report on Home Missions, the committee on co-operation with the Assembly's committee in Evangelistic work, was presented, and is as follows:

The committee appointed by Presbytery to consider and report as to the advisability of co-operating with the Assembly's committee in Evangelistic work, rather than that of Home Missions, would report that, after careful consideration, we recommend,

1st, That hereafter Presbytery conduct its own Home Mission work, for which collections are taken in January and August independently of the General Assembly, and that the amount apportioned to the churches for this cause be $1,000.00.

2nd, That Presbytery co-operate in part with the General Assembly in Evangelistic work, for which collections are taken in June and September, and that the amount apportioned for this work be $800.00.

3rd, That our Treasurer be directed to retain out of this fund collected for Evangelistic work, and forward to the Treasurer of Synod's Evangelistic work, the $525.00 pledged by our Presbytery for Synodical Evangelization, and that he forward what is over and above this to Atlanta, for the Assembly's Evangelistic work.

Our reasons for these recommendations are,

1st, That this simplifies matters and brings our nomenclature into accord with our work. The work the Presbytery is now doing in its own bounds is Home Mission work and not Evangelistic. The $1,000 it pays out is to enable three groups of churches and two individual churches to support their ministers, which is Home Mission work; yet Presbytery raises this $1,000 from two sources. It gets $500 from the Assembly's committee of Home Missions, but the other $500 from a fund which it raises, not for Home Missions, but for Evangelistic work.

2nd, It saves the Presbytery from the inconsistency of sending off money which it has raised for Home Missions and which it needs

for Home Missions, and thus forces itself to use money for its Home Mission work, which was raised for a different purpose, viz: Evangelistic work. We send to Atlanta, of course, more than we get back.

3rd, This plan will enable us to raise, with more certainty and directness, the amount we have pledged to Synod's Evangelistic work. At present we are at sea as to the best mode of raising this.

4th, This plan will enable us to take at least some small part in the effort which the Southern church is making to help Presbyteries to send out Evangelists into destitute regions, and especially in those sections which are rapidly filling up by immigration.

5th, This plan does not materially increase our apportionments, but only causes the apportionment for Home Missions to change places with that for Evangelistic work.

Respectfully submitted,

C. MILLER,
D. I. CRAIG,
JOHN A. GILMER,
Committee.

This report was received and adopted.

The following resolution was presented and adopted:

The Presbytery having learned of the death of a beloved and prominent member of the First Presbyterian church of this city, Col. Julius A. Gray, be it

Resolved, That the Presbytery declares its profound sympathy with the bereaved family in this their great affliction, and tenderly commend them to the God of all comfort and grace.

That in order to attend the funeral services of this beloved brother Presbytery do now take recess till 4 o'clock this evening.

Presbytery then took recess till 4 P. M.

After recess Presbytery resumed business, and Rev. E. P. Davis presented the Narrative of the state of religion, which was approved and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly and Synod. (Appendix).

Revs. T. P. Barclay and W. F. Thom, of the Presby-

tery of Fayetteville, were introduced and invited to sit as corresponding members.

After a protracted discussion of Home Mission work and of the best method of grouping our vacant churches, Presbytery took recess until after night services.

After recess Presbytery convened and the following resolution was adopted, viz:

That Mt. Airy church be grouped with Worthville and Asheboro after the Fall meeting of Presbytery, and that in the meantime Mt. Airy be permitted to employ Rev. W. W. Ruff, of Abingdon Presbytery, in Virginia, for one-half his time, and that $75.00 be appropriated to that church.

The following resolution was then presented and adopted:

WHEREAS, A full and free discussion of the report of the Agent of Home Missions makes it evident that no new grouping of our churches can be made that will be satisfactory, therefore,

Resolved, That the pastoral relation of no church within our bounds be at present disturbed.

2nd, That the Agent of Home Missions be authorized to consider the interests of our vacant churches so far as he can, to consult with them and to group them to the best advantage till the Fall meeting of our Presbytery.

The call for the pastoral services of Rev. W. P. McCorkle from Lexington church for five-eighths of his time, at a salary of $400, was placed in his hands and accepted.

The call for his services from High Point church, for half his time, at a salary of $250, was also accepted, and the following order taken for his installation at these points, viz:

At High Point, Revs. W. F. Wilhelm and J. H. Lacy were appointed to install Rev. W. P. McCorkle on the 5th Sunday in May.

At Lexington, Revs. J. H. Smith, D. D., and H. T. Darnall were appointed to install Rev. W. P. McCorkle on the 1st Sunday in September. The various parts of the service to be left to the discretion of the committees.

The committee on Calls and Supplies further reported, recommending that the application from Speedwell church for services of Rev. C. Miller as stated supply be not granted.

That the application of Wentworth church for the services of Rev. S. O. Hall, for one-fourth of his time for one year, at a salary of $150, be granted.

That the application of Jamestown church for the services of Rev. W. P. McCorkle, for one-eighth of his time for one year, beginning November, 1890, at a salary of $50.00, be granted.

That the application of Asheboro church for the services of Rev. C. Miller, for one-eighth of his time, for six months at the rate of $100.00 per annum, be granted.

That the application of Worthville church for the services of Rev. C. Miller, for three-eighths of his time, for six months, at the rate of $200.00 per annum, be granted.

These recommendations were adopted.

Rev. D. I. Craig was then re-elected Agent of Home Missions for one year, and his report for the past year was approved.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at half past nine o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9:30 O'CLOCK.

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The following missionary supplies *ad interim* were appointed:

Mebanesville church .....Revs. Lacy and Coppedge.
Bethlehem " .....Revs. Culbertson and Wilson.
Griers " .....Revs. Currie and Wilson.
Bethesda " .....Revs. Lacy and Faucette.
Yanceyville " .....Revs. Darnall and Miller.
Oak Forest " .....Revs. Hall and Craig,
Roxboro " .....Revs Darnall and Wilhelm.
Mt. Airy " .....Rev. E. P. Davis.
Chapel Hill " .....Revs. Davis and Craig.

The report was adopted.

The following resolution was presented and adopted:

Resolved, That a committee be raised to consider the propriety of creating a standing committee on the grouping of the churches, of which committee our Agent of Home Missions shall be *ex-officio* chairman, whose duty it shall be to take into consideration all the vacant fields of the Presbytery and present at each meeting of Presbytery a well digested and definite report, covering the whole field, the special committee to report at this meeting and name the standing committee.

Dr. J. H. Smith, Rev. E. P. Davis and Judge J. H. Dillard were appointed on this committee.

The committee subsequently reported as follows, which was adopted:

The committee appointed to consider the propriety of creating a standing committee on the grouping of the churches, of which our Agent of Home Missions shall be *ex officio* chairman, whose duty it shall be to take into consideration all the vacant fields of the Presbytery, and present to each meeting of the Presbytery a well digested and definite report, covering the whole field, report that they deem such a standing committee most desirable and expedient, and would nominate as members of his standing committee the following, to wit: Ministers—C. Miller and W. R. Copepdge; Ruling Elders—H. P. Foard and J. B. Smith.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. SMITH,
E. P. DAVIS,
J. H. DILLARD,
Committee.

The order of the day having arrived, Presbytery took up the consideration of the report on Simultaneous Missionary meetings. The matter was presented by Rev. J. H. Lacy, Agent of Foreign Missions. After discussion the grouping of churches and appointment of ministers thereto, suggested by the Agent, was adopted and the time appointed for these meetings to begin was the 4th Sunday in September. Pastors and supplies were directed to remind their people at an an early date that these meetings would be held, that an interest might be awakened among them, and to preach before the spring collections were taken up on the subject of Foreign Missions. That in holding these meetings preference be given to the country churches on Sunday, and that in some way the Agent have the arrangement published, that all may see what is expected of them.

Rev. A. L. Phillips, of N. Alabama Presbytery, and Rev. R. W. Boyd, of Mecklenburg Presbytery, were introduced, and invited to sit as corresponding members.

Rev. R. W. Boyd was then heard in behalf of the Synodical Orphanage and the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That we have heard with interest and pleasure the remarks of Bro. Boyd in behalf of our Orphan's Home; that we heartily approve of this work, and commend it to our churches, and that a collection be taken to-night to aid in seating and painting the church at the Orphanage, and

2nd, The Executive Committee of said Home having decided to hold a "ceremonial service" at the Home during the summer, that a representative be appointed by the Presbytery to take part in this service.

Under this resolution Rev. D. I. Craig was appointed as principal, with Rev. W. R. Coppedge as alternate.

The second order of the day, the election of Commissioners to the General Assembly, was taken up, and re-

sulted in the election of Rev. S. O. Hall, principal, with Rev. C. Miller alternate, and Ruling Elder J. C. Wharton, principal, with Mr. H. P. Foard as alternate.

The committee to examine the accounts of the Treasurer reported that duty discharged, and that they find the same correct.

The committee on Minutes of Synod presented their report, which was received and approved.

The committee to which was referred the communication of Dr. Shearer, with regard to Church and Christian Education, reported as follows:

Your committee to which was referred the report of the Synodical Commission, desire to report that it has considered that paper, and heartily recommend the appointment of a committee on Church and Christian Education contemplated in the Commissioners' report, that the committee be charged with the duty of giving information upon and enlisting interest in Christian Education, and that it make an annual report to the Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,

E. P. DAVIS, *Chm'n.*

On motion the matter was docketed till the Fall meeting.

Presbytery then took recess till 3 P. M.

FRIDAY, 3 P. M.

After recess Presbytery convened and heard the report of the Committee of the Whole on Sessional Records, which, after amendment, was adopted.

The committee appointed to consider the request of the Reidsville church, reported as follows:

The committee appointed to consider the request of Reidsville church for the appointment of a commission to adjust difficulties in said church would report that we have carefully considered this matter, and recommend that the request for a commission be not granted, but instead thereof a committee consisting of Rev. J. H.

Smith, D. D., Rev. H. T. Darnall and Judge J. H. Dillard be appointed to confer and advise with the Session and the parties concerned and aid in any way they can in adjusting the present difficulties and bringing them to a satisfactory conclusion.

Signed, G. MILLER,
E. P. DAVIS.

The further consideration of the motion relative to the ordination of the colored licentiate, Simon G. Walker, was then taken up, and Presbytery heard Rev. A. S. Phillips, Field Secretary of Colored Evangelization. The thanks of Presbytery were tendered Bro. Phillips for so clearly setting forth the interests of this cause, and after further discussion the following action was taken:

1st, That the further consideration of the question as to the ordination of the colored licentiate, Simon G. Walker, be postponed to the Fall meeting of Presbytery, and that in the meantime the following overture to the General Assembly be adopted and forwarded to that body for answer.

The Presbytery of Orange respectfully overtures the General Assembly so to interpret the policy of the Southern Presbyterian church, as presented in its action of 1869, and as amended by the action of 1874, with reference to the establishment of a separate African church, that Presbyteries may know whether it is contemplated to *ordain* colored licentiates (and thus *ipso facto* make them constituent members of our white Presbyteries) when there is no immediate prospect of setting up a colored Presbytery, owing to the lack of colored churches; or, whether the thing contemplated is the holding of them as licentiates until, with the assistance and cooperation of the white Presbyteries, there is a sufficient number of colored churches formed to establish a colored Presbytery.

Resolved 2nd, That in adopting this overture the Presbytery desires to assure our licentiate, Simon G. Walker, that this action is taken not from any want of confidence in him, nor dissatisfaction with his work, but solely because in the midst of differing opinions the Presbytery desires clearer light on the whole subject.

Presbytery then took recess till 8 P. M.

FRIDAY NIGHT, 8 O'CLOCK.

After recess Presbytery heard Rev. A. L. Phillips, Field Secretary of Colored Evangelization, in a public address.

At the close of the address, the Moderator resumed the chair.

A circular paper prepared by licentiate S. G. Walker, asking aid for the erection of a church at Elkin, was read, and permission was given, as requested, to publish the same.

On the recommendation of the Agent of Home Missions, it was ordered that S. G. Walker continue to labor in the field where he has been laboring, and that he be paid $250.00 a year, to be paid out of the fund for Colored Evangelization, and that he is to have besides, whatever the field itself may yield him.

Alamance church was chosen as the place, and Wednesday, the 7th day of October, as the time for the next Stated Meeting.

The reports of the Committees on Leave of Absence and on Devotional Exercises were received and approved.

The report of the committee on Systematic Beneficence was received, approved and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly and Synod.

The report of the committee on Sessional Duties was received and approved.

The usual vote of thanks to the congregation of Westminster church for their generous hospitality, and to the various churches and railroad companies for courtesies shown, was passed, the minutes read and approved, and Presbytery adjourned, with singing and prayer, to meet in Alamance church October 7th, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Attest: H. T. DARNALL,
Stated Clerk.

S. O. HALL,
Temporary Clerk.

APPENDIX A.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF EDUCATION FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1891.

The Presbytery now has under its care twelve candidates: 1st, Mr. S. G. Oliver of Madison church, received May, 1884, has not been at College since he left Davidson, near the close of his Sophomore year, three or four years ago. He has been trying to make something by teaching and in other ways, but has not been very successful. This year he has undertaken a tobacco crop, and expects also to teach a public school, and if successful, expects to enter College again next fall. Your committee sympathize with and encourage him, but leave the question of his going forward rather to his own decision, believing that the tests to which he is being subjected will show whether he is possessed of determination.

2nd. Mr. J. Ernest Thacker, of Greeensboro church, and Mr. C. W. Wharton, of Buffalo church, are in the Junior class of Union Seminary. They would both like to engage in ministerial work during the summer, and we recommend that they be assigned such work in some of our vacant fields under the direction of our Agent of Home Missions. We also recommend that as a rule Presbytery assign her students in the Seminary to such work during their vacations, whenever the way is open.

4th. Mr. S. M. Rankin, of Bethel church, completed the Junior course at Davidson last summer, and has since been engaged in teaching at Swain High School, Steadman, N. C. He expects to re-enter Davidson next fall.

5th. Mr. R. A. Brown, of Westminster, and Mr. R. L. Wharton, of Bethel church, are in the Junior class at Davidson. Mr. Brown has engaged in mission work to some extent during this year, and desires to be sent out as a Colporteur into some of the destitute parts of Presbytery this summer. As your chairman could not secure such a place for him either from the American Bible Society or our Publication Committee, we recommend that he be allowed to make an effort to raise a fund for this purpose, and if successful, that Mr. Brown be assigned to some destitute section of Presbytery under the supervision of the Agent of Publication.

7th. Mr. H. Watson Smith, of First Church, Greensboro, entered the Junior class at Union Seminary last fall, but on account of delicate health did not return after Christmas. He is now teaching

at Guthriesville, N. C., and we trust his health may soon be vigorous again. His school will not close in time for him to engage in work in any vacant field during the summer.

8th. Mr. W. K. Forsyth of Alamance church, Mr. John Wakefield of Westminster, and Mr. W. C. Brown of High Point, are members of the Sophomore class at Davidson, and engaged actively in Christian work.

11th. Mr. C. F. Rankin, of Greensboro church, is in the Freshman class at Davidson, except in Greek, which he studies in the preparatory department.

12th. Mr. J. C. Story, of Bethel church, is at present pursuing an irregular course at Catawba College, Newton, N. C.

FINANCIAL.

The following churches have overpaid their apportionments to the cause of Education:

Leaksville,	apportioned	$ 5.00,	paid	$23.81
Winston,	"	50.00,	"	80.68
Wentworth,	"	5.00,	"	6.60
Durham,	"	20.00,	"	50.35
Madison,	"	10.00,	"	18.85
Reidsville	"	20.00,	"	25.00
Speedwell,	"	2.00,	"	5.68
Alamance,	"	20.00,	"	20.62
Midway,	"	3.00,	"	3.56
Wilkesboro,	"	4.00,	"	6.00
High Point,	"	6 00,	"	9.30

The following paid their apportionments in full: Eno, Fairfield, Lexington, Red House, Hawfields, Cross Roads and Graham.

The following paid over three-fourths of their apportionments:

Greensboro, 1st,	apportioned	$100.00,	paid	$99.15
Buffalo,	"	18.00,	"	14.22
Burlington,	"	5.00,	"	4.00

The following paid less than three-fourths of their apportionments:

Bethel, apportioned		$20.00,	paid		$2.60
Bethesda,	"	4.00,	"		3.00
Jamestown,	"	3.00,	"		2.10
Little River,	"	10.00,	"		2.00
Mebanesville,	"	20.00,	"		2.00
Springwood,	"	8.00,	"		4.60
Stony Creek,	"	6.00,	"		3.50
Hillsboro,	"	7.00,	"		3.85
New Hope,	"	5.00,	"		3.47

The following paid nothing: Worthville, Bethlehem, Chapel Hill, Griers, Milton, Mt. Airy, Oak Forest, Westminster and Yanceyville.

We hope that every church that can possibly do so will send contributions for this cause during April as well as November. The April collection is espccially timely.

In conclusion we would emphasize the importance of the cause of Education. It lies at the basis of all our work. We need and must have ministers; we cannot have them in sufficient numbers and well equipped without this fund. The fields are still white to the harvest and the laborers are few. There is an increase of students, but not such an increase as to meet the demand. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers into his harvest. Let brethren also not fail to present the claims of the ministry to the attention of young men. It may be that some who are now in other professions might give them up and enter the ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

C. MILLER, *Chm'n*,
J. W. SCOTT,
J. C. WHARTON,
Committee of Education.

APPENDIX B.

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION IN ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

Of the thirty-nine churches in our Presbytery, twenty-nine have sent narratives of the state of religion within their bounds; but many of the answers to the questions propounded by the Presbytery are

so general in their character that it is almost impossible to write a narrative which will reflect the exact spiritual condition of the Presbytery. Ministers are represented as faithfully discharging their ministerial and pastoral duties, and the Ruling Elders and Deacons, with some exceptions, the responsibilities of the episcopate and the deaconate. One of the most encouraging features of our church life is the almost uniform faithfulness of the people in attending public worship. In many of our churches the weekly prayer-meeting is observed, and in a few instances men's prayer-meetings have been maintained with good results. The Sabbath is not observed with the strictness that characterized our fathers; but we cannot affirm that Sabbath desecration is on the increase among church members. The observance of this holy, unchangeable law of God is one of the glories of Presbyterianism, and one of the mighty bulwarks of our christian civilization, and it will be a sad day for the church when this law relaxes its hold upon our people. It is with unfeigned sorrow that we report the great neglect of family worship in the majority of our churches. Never in the history of the Presbytery has there been such great and widespread interest in Foreign Missions. Several missionaries are supported by several of our individual churches. Societies have been organized and the contributions of many of our churches have been large. The Sunday School work has been prosecuted with comparative success as a rule. Some of the narratives represent this phase of religious work as very encouraging. It is to be regretted, however, that any of our Sabbath Schools should be suspended during the winter months. A few churches have mission schools in successful operation. Additions to the register of communicants have been general, and in some of our beloved churches special religious interest has been manifested. Most of the churches have contributed to the various schemes of beneficence of the General Assembly, and the gifts of some of our Sunday Schools have been liberal. Many parents are very derelict in the religious instruction of their children, while others conscientiously and faithfully perform that sacred duty. It is very gratifying to us to say that brethren are living together generally in the bonds of Christian unity and fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,

E. P. DAVIS.

APPENDIX C.

PRESBYTERIAL REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Report of Presbytery of Orange to the General Assembly for the year ending April 1, 1891

NAMES OF SCHOOLS.	No. on Rolls.		Avr'ge At'dnc.		Scholars Admitted to the Communion.	Contribut'ns of the Schools.	
	Teachers.	Scholars.	Teachers.	Scholars.		For their own Expenses.	For other purposes.
Alamance	16	136	10	63	12	$ 2.08	$ 61.41
Albrights	6	54	5	35	2		
Asheboro	2	9					
Bethel	10	114	7	52	3	2.12	1.44
Buffalo	8	82	7	40	4	17.94	
Burlington	10	79	8	53		18.81	
Chapel Hill	4	24	4	15		12.60	4.80
Cross Roads	5	58	5	37	2	5.79	5.00
Durham	14	115	11	87	1	373.41	35.00
Fairfield	10	90	6	37		15.12	
Graham	9	53	8	37	1	25.42	
Greensboro, 1st	43	225	36	153	2	292.34	45.62
Griers	5	35	4	25	9	8.00	
Hawfields	8	82	7	50	5	8.00	
High Point	8	98	8	51		36.51	4.80
Hillsboro	6	31	5	25	8	13.40	
Leaksville	5	60	4	40	4		
Lexington	13	106	9	75	18	87.79	13.50
Little River	7	87	5	40	8	13.50	
Madison	8	67	6	40	4	23.35	12.45
Midway	8	60	5	32	4	35.94	2.21
Milton	7	53	6	36	2	30.00	25.00
Mt. Airy	4	30	3	20	3	13.00	9.00
New Hope	9	51	8	31	6	3.98	
Red House	6	30	4	25		6.00	17.00
Reidsville	13	135	10	80	4		
Speedwell	6	64	5	40		6.00	
Stony Creek	5	60	4	33		5.90	
Wentworth	4	30	4	15	2		
Westminster	21	108	17	87	1	132.59	
Winston	20	157	15	96	4	164.55	103.26
Worthville	6	32	4	20	11		
Total	306	2415	240	1470	120	$1153.93	$340.49

Attest:

H. T. DARNALL,
Stated Clerk.

APPENDIX D.

TREASURER'S REPORT FROM APRIL 1, 1890, TO APRIL 1, 1891.

RECEIPTS.

For Foreign Missions	$2,311.16
" General Assembly Home Missions	573.84
" Synodical Orphanage	55.77
" Church Erection	120.64
" Invalid Fund	212.86
" Colored Institute	80.69
" Education	482.68
" Publication	124.98
" Bible Cause	7.50
" Synodical Evangelist (Special)	7.38
" Ass't " " "	44.40
" J. H. Lindsay Fund	30.00
" Presbyterial Fund	302.68
" Evangelistic work in Orange Presbytery including payments on debt to Synodical Evangelist and assistant	1,447.90
Total	$5,802.48

DISBURSEMENTS.

Sent to D. C. Rankin, Treas.	$2,311.16	
" " W. A. Powell "	573.84	
" " Jno. E. Oates "	55.77	
" " W. A. Powell "	120.64	
" " " " "	212.86	
" " S. G. Walker, ($50 and $30.69)	80.69	
" " G. W. McRae, Treas.	482.68	
" " Dr. Hazen "	124.98	
" " Bible House, N. Y.	7.50	
" " B. T. Hall	7.38	
" " " "	44.40	
" " " "	1,306.69	
" " " "	209.25	
Total	$5,537.84	
Bal in Bank (as below)	264.64	
	$5,802.48	$5,802.48

For J. H. Lindsay Fund	$ 30.00
" Evangelistic O. Pres	141.21
" Presbyterial	93.43
	$264.64

STATISTICAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Orange Presbytery Reports to the General Assembly that it comprises 18 Ministers and 40 Churches, and has under its care 3 Licentiates and 12 Candidates, viz:

MINISTERS, LICENTIATES AND CANDIDATES	POST OFFICES.	CHURCHES.	Officers.		Communic'ts.			B'pt'd's			S S & Bible Classes.		FUNDS COLLECTED.												
			Elders.	Deacons.	Added on Examination.	Added on Certificate.	Whole No.	Adult.	Infant.	Baptized Non Communicants.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Sustentation.	Evangelistic.	Invalid Fund.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Publication.	Col Evang Fund	Church Erection.	Bible Society.	Presbyterial.	Pastor's salaries actually paid.	Congregational.	Miscellaneous.
Thomas U. Faucette	Milton, N. C	Milton, V	5	4	2		93	2	2	.	7	53	$ 10	$ 3	$ 2	$ 14	$ 6	$ 1					$ 600	$ 234	
" " "	"	Red House, P	4	3	3		37			14	6	30	7	4	3	41	5	4				$ 4	105		
J. Henry Smith, D. D.	Greensboro "	Greensboro First, P	9	8	6	5	409	2	13	151	43	225	85	175	12	545	97	13	$10	$34		40	1700	1056	$ 86
C. N. Morrow, W. C.	Hawthorne, Fla.																								
H. T. Darnall	Durham, N. C.	Durham, P	4	6	1	3	171		3		14	115	35	51	12	76	50	26		5	17	15	1200	8103	35
Cornelius Miller	Greensboro, "	Alamance, P	7	6	17	1	282	3	10	97	16	136	10	31	2	121	20	3	2	2	5	12	451	30	19
" "	Worthville, "	Worthville, S. S	2		12	2	51	11	2	3	6	32											165		
" "	Ashboro, "	Ashboro, S. S	2	3			24			5	2	9	9		2	2	5	2	3	4		2	62	15	155
Jas. L. Currie	Burlington, "	Burlington, P	3	2	1	4	43	1	1	30	10	79	12	5		22		4		5	43	5	300	789	6
" " "	"	Stony Creek, P	5	3	11	1	98	5			5	60	3	4	3	12	3	2		2		4	200	2	
" " "	Gibsonville, "	Springwood, P	3	3			89		2	32				5		10	4	2	1			2	125	75	4
D. I. Craig	Reidsville, "	Reidsville, P	7	6	5	4	157	4	3	32	13	135	30	55	10	53	64	5	5	5		17	1000	500	
" " "	Monroeton, "	Speedwell, S. S	3		12	1	50	10	3	3	6	64	7	10	3	5	4		1			1	60	12	
W. F. Wilhelm	Hillsboro, "	Hillsboro, P	2	1	8		56	2	1	20	6	31	11	11	7	8	4	4	4		1	6	300	103	
" " "	Caldwell Institute "	Little River, P	9	10	25		250	18	6		7	87	4	5	4	9	3	3	3	3		10	200		
" " "	Hillsboro, "	Eno, P	3	3			46						4	4		3	3		1				100		
" " "	"	Fairfield, P	3	5			43			21	10	90	5	6	2	6	3	2	2	1		1	100	30	
E. W. Smith, S. E	Greensboro "																								
S. O. Hall	Madison, "	Madison, P	5	4	7	2	115	5	3	31	8	67	11	5	5	49	13	4	4			8	275	61	
" " "	Leaksville, "	Leaksville, P	2	4	5	1	48	4	2	10	5	60	8	19	5	20	16	3	5				200		27
" " "	Wentworth, "	Wentworth, S. S	3	2	4		54	2	3	20	4	30	3	3	1	16	6	1	1	1			150	25	
W. R. Coppedge	Graham, "	Graham, P	5	5	1	8	126				9	53	30						5				814		9
R. W. Culbertson	McLeansville, "	Bethel, P	5	6	6		164	4	1		10	114	11	18	3	75	7		2	3			239	17	5
" " "	Greensboro, "	Buffalo, P	7	3	8	3	129	1	3	54	8	82	28	17	3	74	14	1					281	47	
" " "	"	Midway, P	3	1	5	9	39	2		11	8	60	3	6	2	13	3	2	1			2	100		
E. P. Davis	Winston, "	Winston, P	6	4	12	32	235	5	10	112	20	157	110	268	92	1029	65	27	13	25	12	25	1361	1338	
J. H. Lacy	Greensboro, "	Westminster, P	4	6	4	11	159		5	44	21	108	21	28	6	291	12	8				20	716	444	429
W. P. McCorkle	Lexington, "	Lexington, P. E	6	6	36	3	132	12		43	13	106	15	20	5	25	15	5	3	4		15	350	89	120
" " "	High Point, "	High Point, P. E	6	5	10	2	67	4	9	14	8	98	17	15	5	20	9	5	3	5		6	250	35	10
" " "	Jamestown, "	Jamestown, S. S	2	1		2	30			2	3	14	3	5		3	2	1	2	2		2	60	2	
G. A. Wilson	Mebane's, "	Hawfields, P	6	9	11	7	170	2	7		8	82	28	51	10	50	18	5	3	8		15	400	181	10
" " "	"	Cross Roads, P	6	7	7	1	177	5		11	5	58	27	51	7	56	18	5	3	7		15	396	116	
J. E. Fogartie	Chapel Hill, "	Chapel Hill, P	4			3	39				4	24	5	15	2	27	5	4	2		1	10	291	75	40
" " "	University Station "	New Hope, P	4	3	15	4	93	9	2	37	9	51		32	2		3	2					75	9	
J. J. Harrell, F. M	Ceara, Brazil																								
	Locust Hill, N. C	Bethesda, V	3	2																					
	Oaks, "	Bethlehem, V																							
	Hightower's, "	Griers, V	3	3			32		1	6	5	35													
	Mebane's, "	Mebanesville, V	2	1																					
	Mt. Airy, "	Mt. Airy, V	2	1	7		34	4		10	4	30	26										44	75	6
	Ruffin, "	Oak Forest, V	1																						
	Yanceyville, "	Yanceyville, V	1																						
	Foust's Mills, "	Calah, V																							
			157	136	241	109	3742	97	92	814	303	2375	552	948	210	2675	477	144	79	116	79	237	12726	13388	961

LICENTIATES—3.
J. E. Mebane
S. G. Walker, Col
B. B. Palmer "

CANDIDATES—12.
S. S. Oliver
J. E. Thacker
C. N. Wharton
S. M. Rankin
R. A. Brown
R. L. Wharton
H. Watson Smith
W. K. Forsythe
John Wakefield
W. C. Brown
C. F. Rankin
J. C. Story

By Order of the Presbytery.

H. T. DARNALL, *Stated Clerk.*

TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY-THIRD SESSION

OF

THE PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE,

HELD AT

ALAMANCE CHURCH, GUILFORD CO., N. C.,

COMMENCING OCT. 7TH, 1891.

MINUTES

OF THE

TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY-THIRD SESSION

OF THE

PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE,

HELD AT

ALAMANCE CHURCH, GUILFORD CO., N. C.,

COMMENCING OCT. 7TH, 1891,

TOGETHER WITH THE CALLED MEETINGS FROM THE STATED MEETINGS AT WESTMINSTER CHURCH, GREENSBORO, N. C.

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MINUTES OF A CALLED MEETING

OF ORANGE PRESBYTERY, HELD AT MEBANESVILLE, JUNE 14TH, 1891.

The Presbytery of Orange met at Mebanesville, N. C., June 14th, 1891, on the call of the Moderator, pursuant to requests presented in the proper form from the churches of Milton and Griers, relative to the calling of a pastor, and was constituted with prayer.

PRESENT.

Ministers—G. A. Wilson, C. Miller, D. I. Craig, J. L. Currie, W. R. Coppedge and J. H. Lacy.

Elders—D. M. Hines, Milton church; T. M. Cheek, Mebanesville church; S. A. White, Hawfields.

Rev. A. Currie, of the Presbytery of Fayetteville, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The following calls for the pastoral services of Rev. W. S. Campbell, of E. Hanover Presbytery, were presented:

1. A call from Milton church for three-fourths of his time, at a salary of $600 and the use of a manse of the rental value of $100 per annum.

2. A call from Griers church for one-fourth of his time at a salary of $125.00.

Owing to the fact that Presbytery has information from Mr. Campbell that he has been dismissed to this Presbytery, it was resolved to postpone action on these calls until he is regularly received, with the hope that in view of the action anticipated by Presbytery, he will enter upon his work at once.

The Minutes were read and approved, and the Presbytery adjourned with prayer.

W. R. COPPEDGE,
Temporary Clerk.

ATTEST:
H. T. DARNALL, *S. C.*

MINUTES OF A CALLED MEETING

OF ORANGE PRESBYTERY, HELD AT WESTMINSTER CHURCH, GREENSBORO, N. C., JUNE 16, 1891.

Pursuant to a call in proper form, the Presbytery of Orange met on call of the Moderator at Westminster church, on the 16th of June, 1891, and was constituted with prayer.

PRESENT.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
G. A. Wilson,	Hiram Foard,	Leaksville.
S. O. Hall,	A. H. Scott,	Alamance.
D. I. Craig,	S. C. Smith,	Greensboro, 1st.
C. Miller,	D. D. Gillespie,	Westminster.
J. L. Currie,	A. T. Whitsett,	Midway.
J. H. Smith, D. D.,	W. F. Carter,	Mt. Airy.
J. H. Lacy,	S. C. Lindsay,	High Point.
E. W. Smith,	J. M. Wharton,	Jamestown.
E. P. Davis,	T. C. Ford,	Lexington.
R. W. Culbertson,	D. M. Hines,	Milton.

Rev. B. W. Mebane, of Ebenezer Presbytery, and Rev. W. S. Campbell, of East Hanover Presbytery, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Letters of dismissal from East Hanover Presbytery, transferring Rev. W. S. Campbell to this Presbytery, were read, and after the usual examination Mr. Campbell was received, and his name enrolled as a member of this Presbytery.

Calls from Milton and Griers churches for the pastoral services of Rev. W. S. Campbell (as see preceding Minutes of June 14th) were read and being found in order, the call from Milton church was placed in his hands, and the call from Griers church was lodged with the Agent

of Home Missions, to be reported on during the afternoon session.

A communication was received from Rev. W. P. McCorkle, asking permission to return the calls from the churches of Lexington and High Point, which was granted.

Licentiate J. E. Mebane was dismissed at his own request to the care of the Presbytery of Greenbrier, West Virginia.

On motion the Presbyterial Treasurer was instructed to urge those churches that are delinquent in the payment of the Presbyterial fund, to meet their delinquencies as soon as possible.

Presbytery then took recess till 3 o'clock, P. M.

After recess Presbytery met, and the call of Griers church for the pastoral services of Rev. W. S. Campbell was placed in his hands.

Mr. Campbell having signified his acceptance of the calls from Milton and Griers churches, Revs. J. L. Currie, W. S. Campbell and Ruling Elder D. M. Hines were appointed to arrange for his installation at both churches.

The action taken at the last stated meeting, grouping the churches of Mount Airy, Worthville and Asheboro, was reconsidered, and the following groupings were ordered, viz: Lexington, Worthville and Asheboro to form one group, and High Point and Jamestown churches another.

Calls for the pastoral services of Rev. C. Miller were received from the churches of South River, Unity and Franklin, in Concord Presbytery, which being found in order, were placed in his hands.

It appearing that Mr. Miller's pastoral charge, Alamance church, did not concur in the request for a dissolution of the pastoral relation, and Mr. Miller having signified his acceptance of the calls presented to him,

the pastoral relation between himself and Alamance church was dissolved, and he was dismissed, with the usual testimonials to connect himself with the Presbytery of Concord, and was instructed to declare the pulpit of Alamance church vacant.

Owing to Mr. Miller's removal, Rev. W. R. Coppedge was elected Chairman of the Committee of Education until the fall meeting of Presbytery, and Rev. E. P. Davis was appointed to fill the place of Mr. Miller on the committee on grouping the vacant churches.

The committee appointed to arrange for the installation of Rev. W. S. Campbell at Milton and Griers churches, presented the following report, which was adopted:

At Milton, Rev. J. H. Lacy to preside, preach the sermon and propound the constitutional questions; Rev. S. O. Hall to charge the people, and Rev. R. W. Culbertson to charge the pastor.

At Griers church, Rev. G. A. Wilson to preside, preach and propound the constitutional questions; Rev. J. L. Currie to charge the people, and Rev. T. U. Faucette to charge the pastor.

The time to be determined by the committees after conferring with the churches.

The Minutes were then read and approved, and the Presbytery adjourned with prayer.

HIRAM FOARD,
Temporary Clerk.

ATTEST:

H. T. DARNALL,
Stated Clerk.

MINUTES OF A CALLED MEETING

OF THE PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE HELD AT WESTMINSTER CHURCH, GREENSBORO, SEPT. 1, 1891.

In compliance with a request of certain ministers and elders made in proper form, the Presbytery of Orange met on the call of the Moderator, at Westminster church on the 1st day of September, 1891, and was constituted with prayer.

PRESENT.

Ministers—J. H. Lacy, E. P. Davis and J. H. Smith, D. D., with Ruling Elders T. J. Brown, W. S. Moore, W. H. Phipps and D. D. Gillespie.

Rev. J. H. Lacy was called to the chair and Mr. W. S. Moore was appointed Clerk *pro tem.*

Rev. E. P. Davis introduced Mr. T. Wyatt De Vané, a member of Winston church, who desired to be received as a candidate for the gospel ministry.

Mr. De Vané was examined on his experimental acquaintance with religion, and his motives for seeking the ministry, which being sustained as satisfactory, he was received under the care of Presbytery and his name enrolled among our candidates.

Presbytery then adjourned with prayer.

W. S. MOORE,
Temporary Clerk.

ATTEST:
H. T. DARNALL,
Stated Clerk.

MINUTES

OF THE

TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY-THIRD SESSION

OF THE

PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE,

HELD AT

ALAMANCE CHURCH, GUILFORD COUNTY, N. C.,

Commencing October 7th, 1891.

The Presbytery of Orange met in Alamance church, Guilford county, N. C., on the 7th day of October, 1891, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and was opened with a sermon by Rev. G. A. Wilson, the Moderator, from Isa. 52:1.

After the sermon the Presbytery was constituted with prayer.

PRESENT.

Ministers.

J. H. Smith, D. D.,	H. T. Darnall,	D. I. Craig,
W. F. Wilhelm,	S. O. Hall,	W. R. Coppedge,
J. H. Lacy,	W. P. McCorkle,	G. A. Wilson,
J. E. Fogartie,	W. S. Campbell,	E. W. Smith (2),
R. W. Culbertson (2),	J. L. Currie (2).	

Elders.	*Churches.*
J. M. Crowder,	Wentworth.
W. D. Wharton,	Buffalo.
A. C. Denny,	Bethel,
W. P. McLean,	Midway.
T. M. Cheek (2),	Mebanes.
S. C. Lindsay,	High Point.
J. H. Dillard,	Greensboro, 1st.
L. M. Stewart,	Alamance.
G. L. Taylor (2),	Little River.
David Thompson (2)	Fairfield.

Elders.	*Churches.*
D. D. Gillespie,	Westminster.
W. F. Carter (2)	Mount Airy.
W. G. Anderson,	Madison.

Absent—Revs. C. M. Morrow and T. U. Faucette.

Rev. J. E. Fogartie was elected Moderator, and Rev. W. P. McCorkle and Ruling Elder W. D. Wharton Temporary Clerks.

The Minutes of last stated meeting being printed, their reading was dispensed with, and the Minutes of the intervening meetings were read and approved.

Rev. T. U. Faucette was excused for absence from this meeting.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

On Devotional Exercises—Rev. S. O. Hall and Elder L. M. Stewart.

On Leave of Absence—Rev. W. F. Wilhelm and Elder J. H. Dillard.

On Minutes of Assembly—Rev. J. H. Smith, D. D., and Elder W. D. Wharton.

On Installations—Rev. W. R. Coppedge and Elder W. G. Anderson.

Presbytery then took recess till 3 P. M.

Afternoon Session.

Presbytery met at 3 o'clock P. M.

The following parts of trial were assigned to Candidate J. E. Thacker, viz:

1. Latin Thesis: *Au lux naturae sit sufficiens ad salutem?*

2. Critical Exercise: 2 Tim. 3:6, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God."

3. Lecture: Acts 4:7 to 12, "And when they had set them in the midst etc."

4. Sermon: Jas. 3:17, "But the wisdom that is from above," etc.

A communication from the Assembly's Committee of Publication was read and referred by the Agent of Publication.

A communication addressed to the Trustees of Davidson College was read and referred to Rev. J. H. Smith, D. D.

A communication from Dr. J. B. Shearer relative to Church and Christian Education, was read, when on motion Rev. H. T. Darnall, Rev. W. S. Campbell and Ruling Elder S. C. Lindsay were appointed a permanent committee on this subject, to whom the paper was then referred.

A communication was received from the Field Secretary of Colored Evangelization, and was referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. J. H. Lacy and Elder S. C. Lindsay.

A letter was received from Rev. T. H. Law, D. D., District Agent of the American Bible Society, and was referred to a committee consisting of Rev. D. I. Craig and Ruling Elder J. M. Crowder.

Rev. J. C. Dinwiddie, of the Chesapeake Presbytery, was introduced and invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Letters of dismission transferring him to this body were read, and after due examination as to his religious experience and his views in Theology, he was received and enrolled as a member of this Presbytery.

The committee appointed to visit the Reidsville church reported that they had discharged the duty assigned them and that their visit had been successful in accomplishing the purpose for which it was appointed. The report was approved and the committee discharged.

The committee appointed to visit Elkin and organize a colored church there, if the way be clear, reported that they had visited the place and organized a church of

seven members—two males and five females, and had ordained two ruling elders.

The report was approved, and the church was ordered to be enrolled.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported the following hours for meeting, which was adopted, to-wit:

Presbytery to meet at 9:30 A. M., and take recess at 11 for preaching. To convene again at 1:30 P. M., and adjourn at 4 P. M.

Missionary supplies were called on for reports, and reported their appointments filled as far as it was practicable.

It was made the first order of the day for to-morrow morning to hear the report of the Agent of Foreign Missions.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

THURSDAY, October 8th, 1891.

Presbytery met at 9:30 A. M., and was opened with prayer.

Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The order of the day at 10 o'clock being devotional exercises, the services were conducted by Rev. W. F. Wilhelm.

At 11 o'clock Presbytery resumed business.

Rev. W. S. Campbell was appointed Treasurer *pro tem.*

Rev. W. R. Coppedge was elected Chairman of the Committee of Education. He then presented his report, and it was received and its recommendations adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Committee of Education would report that owing to the recent change in the Chairmanship, the committee has not gathered the information necessary for a full report.

Most of our candidates are prosecuting their studies with reasonable diligence. With the concurrence of the committee, Mr. S. M. Rankin has gone to the Seminary, instead of taking the senior year in college.

Mr. Oliver has not resumed the prosecution of his preparation for the ministry, and your committee has no information as to his plans.

Mr. H. Watson Smith, for good reasons, is engaged in teaching school.

The following is a list of our candidates, to-wit:

R. A. Brown	Westminster church.
R. S. Wharton	Bethel "
W. C. Brown	High Point "
W. K. Forsythe	Alamance "
John Wakefield	Westminster "
C. F. Rankin	Greensboro 1st "
J. E. Thacker	" "
S. G. Oliver	Madison "
C. M. Wharton	Buffalo "
S. M. Rankin	Bethel "
H. Watson Smith	Greensboro 1st "
J. C. Story	Bethel "
T. Wyatt De Vané	Winston "

Your committee would call attention to the fact that in order to raise the amount apportioned to the Presbytery, it will be necessary to increase the apportionment by 10 per cent. and the amount of last year's contributions 16 per cent. The amount asked of us is $550.00 and ought to be and must be raised. With as many candidates as we have drawing from this fund, the Presbytery ought not to fall short of its apportionment.

It is with pleasure that we call attention to the example of the Winston church, which has promised an amount more than five times as large as its apportionment.

Your committee would recommend that the Chairman be allowed to assign students in the Seminary to work in our vacant churches during the summer, with the concurrence of the Presby-

terial Agent of Home Missions, promising such remuneration as the funds of the Presbytery will admit.

Signed, W. R. COPPEDGE,
Chairman.

Rev. E. C. Murray, of the Presbytery of Charleston, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The following report of the Agent of Publication was received and its recommendations adopted:

REPORT ON PUBLICATION.

Your Agent of Publication would respectfully offer the following brief report on the cause of Publication:

1ST, BOOKS DISTRIBUTED.

During the year three dozen copies of the Child's Catechism, two copies of the Book of Church Order, and six copies of Boyd's Catechism have been donated to Simon G. Walker, to be used in his field of labor. These books have been given upon our recommendation by the Assembly's committee at Richmond, Va.

2ND, CONTRIBUTIONS TO PUBLICATION.

For the year ending March 31st, 1891, the following churches offered the following gifts to the cause of Publication:

Milton	$ 1 00
Red House	4 00
Greensboro	13 00
Durham	26 00
Alamance	3 00
Asheboro	2 00
Burlington	4 00
Stony Creek	2 00
Springwood	2 00
Reidsville	5 00
Hillsboro	4 00
Little River	3 00
Fairfield	2 00
Madison	4 00
Leaksville	3 00
Wentworth	1 00
Buffalo	1 00

Midway	2 00
Winston	27 00
Westminster	8 00
Lexington	5 00
High Point	5 00
Jamestown	1 00
Hawfields	5 00
Cross Roads	5 00
Chapel Hill	4 00
New Hope	2 00
Aggregate	$144 00

The total is the merest pittance for a Presbytery of 3,742 communicants to contribute to an important cause, whose object is to provide thoroughly evangelical literature for our people; to help destitute churches and Sabbath-schools by donations of books, tracts, etc., and to prosecute the work of missionary colportage; especially when it is remembered that none of the funds contributed are used for the current expenses of the committee, and that this agency is a great auxiliary to our Home Mission work.

The following churches gave nothing to publication during the whole year, to-wit: Worthville, Speedwell, Eno, Graham, Bethel, Bethesda, Bethlehem, Griers, Mebanes, Mount Airy, Oak Forest, Yanceyville and Calah.—(13)

It is pleasing to report that the *North Carolina Presbyterian* is increasing in circulation in some parts of our Presbytery, but it deserves and should have a much large number of subscribers.

We recommend that Agents be appointed by the Sessions of all our churches, where it is considered expedient, if such have not been appointed.

We have no recommendations concerning the cause of Publication as such, since they would naturally be submitted to the Presbytery when it considers a communication sent to our Stated Clerk by Dr. Hazen. Respectfully submitted.

E. P. DAVIS, *Agent.*

Rev. S. O. Hall presented his report as Commissioner to the General Assembly, which was approved and his diligence commended.

Rev. J. H. Smith, D. D., offered his resignation as a Trustee of Davidson College, which the Presbytery declined to accept.

Dr. Smith then presented the report of the Trustees of Davidson College, which was received and approved.

Presbytery then took recess until after public worship.

After recess Presbytery convened at 2 P. M., when Mr. W. F. Carter was granted permission to make a statement with reference to Mount Airy church, asking that the church be allowed to continue its present arrangement, employing Rev. W. W. Ruff, of Virginia, for one-half his time, till the spring meeting of Presbytery, and that the Presbytery appropriate the sum of $200 to supplement the salary now paid by Mount Airy church. These requests were unanimously granted.

Rev. J. H. Lacy, Agent of Foreign Missions, presented the following report, which was received and approved.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

From October 1890, to October 1891.

It is with profound gratitude to the great Head of the Church that we are able to report a healthful advance in the contributions of most of our churches to the great cause of Foreign Missions. The emphasis and urgency of the Redeemer's great command is beginning to be understood, and is coming home with increased power to the hearts of our people and bearing fruit to the glory of His name in enlarged offerings.

The total amount contributed since October 1st, 1890 by the entire Presbytery was $3,140.75. This almost doubled the total apportionment of Presbytery, which was $1,625.00, and exceeds the amount contributed last year by $500.

The number of churches contributing was 31, leaving seven churches who failed to send in any contribution.

The delinquent churches were:

Oak Forest,	apportioned	$ 5 00
Eno,	"	12 00
Mount Airy,	"	5 00
Yanceyville,	"	7 00
Bethesda,	"	10 00
Bethlehem,	"	18 00
Cross Roads	"	45 00
Total delinquencies		$102 00

The following churches paid over their apportionments, and, though somewhat tedious, I ask you to note both what they were apportioned and what they paid. The comparison will reveal a very encouraging state of things in many churches and give others something to think about.

	Apportioned.	*Gave*
Bethel	$ 38 00	$ 103 58
Buffalo	40 00	94 79
Red House	15 00	28 75
Winston	275 00	1,083 16
Leaksville	20 00	44 31
Alamance	50 00	92 38
Midway	5 00	22 68
Madison	37 00	51 00
Burlington	15 00	30 00
Springwood	16 00	15 75
Durham	45 00	142 30
Reidsville	45 00	53 00
Lexington	25 00	50 67
High Point	15 00	19 80
Milton	50 00	104 77
Graham	170 00	190 10
Westminster	75 00	750 00

One church, Fairfield, gave exactly its apportionment ($6.00.)

The following fall below their apportionments:

	Apportioned.	*Paid.*
Stony Creek	$ 18 00	$ 16 25
Greensboro, 1st	300 00	143 23
Hawfields	45 00	2 00
Jamestown	7 00	2 24
Speedwell	5 00	3 94
New Hope	15 00	10 13
Mebanes	60 00	1 00
Hillsboro	35 00	15 21
Wentworth	18 00	8 00
Little River	20 00	9 04
Chapel Hill	38 00	15 75
Worthville	———	3 05
Griers	10 00	5 71

Of the total $3,140.75 the amount contributed by Missionary Societies was $981.42; by churches $2,137.17; by individuals $22.16. We notice that generally those churches that have societies are most liberal in their contributions.

Analyzing the total contributions, we notice that one church (Winston) gave one-third of the whole, and that two churches gave

more than one-half. This shows what might be done if every church in our bounds were putting on its full strength.

Your Agent therefore recommends

1st. That our pastors be urged to continue faithfully, earnestly and constantly to press upon the minds and hearts of the people the Redeemer's command.

2nd. That they endeavor to form societies, disseminate information, and especially to secure an increased circulation of the *Missionary* within their charges.

J. H. LACY, *Agent.*

The Trustees of Presbytery presented the following report, which was approved:

REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

To Orange Presbytery, in session at Alamance church:

We as Trustees of this Presbytery respectfully report that since the session of this Presbytery last spring, at Westminster in Greensboro, Maryland Hickerson and his wife Caroline Hickerson, have conveyed to us and our successors a fee-simple title in and to a lot in Elkin for a site for a house of worship for a colored church lately oranized at that place; and the deed after due execution and registration, as required by law, has been turned over to W. S. Moore, Treasurer of Presbytery, for safe-keeping.

On this lot a house of worship, as we are informed, is in the course of erection and pretty far advanced toward completion, and in payment therefor there has been paid the sum of $106.31, which will leave about $166.71 more yet to be raised. To raise this last sum, it was at one time suggested to the Trustees, to negotiate a loan and secure the same by a mortgage on the property; but since then our colored brother, S. G. Walker, has notified us that they had good hope of raising said fund otherwise, and the suggestion of a mortgage was abandoned, at least for the present. We beg leave to add that our own opinion is against the execution of a mortgage, and unless ordered by Presbytery to the contrary, we as Trustees, will decline to give a mortgage.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN H. DILLARD,

For himself and his Co-Trustees.

It was then ordered by Presbytery that the deed from Maryland Hickerson and his wife Caroline, to John H. Dillard, Esq., and his co-trustees, for a colored church at Elkin be and remain in the custody of W. S. Moore, Treasurer of Presbytery.

It was further ordered that the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to apply the $50 donated by the committee referred to in the telegram of Rev. A. L. Phillips to the payment in part of the sum that will fall due for building the house of worship at Elkin.

Rev. W. P. McCorkle was granted permission to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery till the Spring meeting.

Licentiate Simon G. Walker presented a report of his labors since the Spring meeting, which was received and ordered to be considered in connection with the report of the Agent of Home Missions, as the special order of the day for to-morrow morning.

Asheboro was chosen as the place, and Tuesday before the 3rd Sunday in April, 1892, at 7:30 P. M., as the time for the next stated meeting of the Presbytery.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9:30.

Closed with prayer.

FRIDAY, October 9th, 1891.

Presbytery met at 9:30 A. M., and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

Rev. Thos. H. Law, D. D., District Agent of the American Bible Society, was introduced and invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The order of the day was for the present postponed,

and Presbytery heard report of Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, which was received and approved, and is as follows:

MINUTES OF ASSEMBLY.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly report as follows:

1st. That on page 232 the Assembly "advises the Presbyteries and the churches to make an effort to raise during this ecclesiastical year at least $30,000 for Education and further enjoins Presbyteries to take a careful oversight of this work in all its branches, to seek out young men and keep a strict watch over them during their scholastic and Theological education, and that in ordinary cases our candidates be required to attend Theological institutions within our bounds and under the supervision of our own church, and that reports of their progress be regularly obtained and brought to the attention of Presbytery. Further, that the 4th Thursday of February, 1892, be set apart as a day of special prayer in behalf of youth in schools and colleges, so far as is practicable, with solemnity and zeal." The Presbytery heartily concurs in the foregoing and enjoins the same upon all our ministers and congregations.

On page 235. The Assembly answers the overture of Orange Presbytery which asked the Assembly to "interpret the policy of the Southern Presbyterian church with reference to the establishment of a separate African church," in the following terms: "It is the deliberate and settled policy of our church to aid in the establishment and development of a separate and ultimately self-sustaining colored Presbyterian church. Unless our Presbyteries organize churches and license and ordain ministers it is evident that no progress whatever can be made in this work. This Assembly therefore invites the Presbyteries to co-operate by ordaining in the constitutional method both teaching and ruling elders, in order to their ultimate connection the independent colored church." The Presbytery of Orange concurs in the foregoing and will endeavor to carry out the same in whatever manner and to whatever extent may be most expedient or feasible.

On page 237. In connection with the action of the Assembly on Foreign Missions, this Presbytery ventures to doubt as to the wis-

dom and expediency or feasibility of what are termed "Simultaneous Meetings," believing that other methods and better adapted to awaken and sustain interest in this cause may be adopted and at less expenditure of time and labor and money than these meetings will of necessity require.

On page 239. In reference to colored evangelization the Assembly instructs all the Presbyteries to appoint standing committees on this matter. We recommend therefore the appointment of such a committee.

On page 244. This Presbytery heartily unites with the Assembly in former deliverances in the years 1830-'34-'37 and '48 on the subject of Temperance and against the traffic in intoxicating liquors and all use of such liquors as a beverage.

On page 260 and 261. The Assembly in answer to an overture from the Presbytery of Eastern Texas, requesting the Assembly to "pronounce in express and Scriptural terms the conviction of our church, that women are not permitted to speak in a public way in any of the meetings of the church, congregational or devotional, when men are present," replied that such speaking is prohibited by the plain teaching of Scripture, but we do not hold that Christian women are prohibited from holding meetings among themselves for mutual edification and comfort, by pious conversation and prayer, or to devise ways and means to aid the general branches of church work, such as Home and Foreign Missions, etc., or to teach in the Sabbath-school. Work of this kind we approve and commend; but public speaking in the promiscuous assembly of the congregation or church is contrary to the Holy oracles, and therefore should be prohibited and condemned by the Presbyteries and church Sessions. The Presbytery of Orange believes that this action of the Assembly is right and Scriptural; that the opposite course is fraught with evil to our homes and to the best interests of society and the church, and would therefore discourage and discountenance whatever is inconsistent with the above action of the Assembly.

All which is respectfully submitted,

J. H. SMITH,
W. D. WHARTON,
Committee.

The consideration of the revised Directory for worship was deferred until the Spring meeting of Presbytery, and referred in the meantime to a special committee consisting of Revs. D. I. Craig, H. T. Darnall and Ruling Elder John H. Dillard.

Revs. W. F. Wilhelm, S. O. Hall and Ruling Elder W. J. Anderson were appointed a standing committee on the Bible cause.

The Committee on Installations reported, recommending that Rev. W. F. Wilhelm be substituted for Rev. T. U. Faucette on the committee to install Rev. W. S. Campbell at Griers church.

The recommendation was adopted.

On motion of the Chairman of the Committee of Education, the following trial pieces were assigned to candidate C. W. Wharton, viz:

Sermon on 2 Cor. 7:10. Lecture on Psalm 23.
Critical Exercise on Heb. 2:14-15.
Latin Thesis. "*An Christus Salvator totius mundi sit?*"

The Presbytery then on motion heard an address from Rev. T. H. Law, D. D., in behalf of the Bible cause.

The following resolution was then adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of Presbytery be returned to Dr. T. H. Law for his very interesting and impressive address, and Presbytery heartily commends the Bible cause to its pastors, sessions and churches.

Presbytery then took recess till 1 P. M.

After recess Presbytery met and a call was presented from High Point church for the pastoral services of Rev. J. C. Dinwiddie for three-fourths of his time at a salary of $———, which being found in order, was placed in his hands and by him accepted.

On motion the matter of holding the meetings of Pres-

bytery in rotation among the churches was indefinitely postponed.

The report of the Agent of Home Missions was taken up, and in connection therewith the report of the labors of the colored licentiate, S. G. Walker, for the past six months. The Agent's report is as follows:

REPORT OF AGENT OF HOME MISSIONS.

It will be remembered that at the Spring meeting of Presbytery the plan of coöperation with the Assembly's Committee was materially changed, and it seems necessary to this report that these changes be distinctly understood.

1ST, EVANGELISTIC WORK.

Prior to the Spring meeting of Presbytery *all* the funds collected for evangelistic work were retained at home for Home Mission purposes, and the churches were apportioned $1,000. But since that time we retain only $525 to meet the Synod,s assessment for Synodical Evangelistic work, while the remainder is sent to the Assembly's Committee, and the churches are now apportioned only $800.00.

On April 1st there was in Treasury	$141 21
Collected from all sources to Oct. 1st	482 19
Total	$623 40
Paid to Rev. A. Sprunt, Treasurer	$239 00
" W. P. McCorkle	20 00
" J. L. Currie	35 00
" J. E. Fogartie	75 00
" D. I. Craig	20 00
" W. W. Ruff	18 75
" S. G. Walker (as a loan) from Dec. collection	81 00
Expenses of organizing a church at Elkin	24 50
Total	$513 25
On hand	$110 15

This plan did not go into effect till April 18th, at the Spring meeting and that accounts for the expenditures of this fund outside of the Synodical assessment, Messrs. Fogartie, Currie and others

having been paid out of this fund between April 1st and April 18th. But henceforth only $525 is to be retained of this fund, except by special enactment. The Synodical assessment has been paid up to December 1st, but the times for collections (June and September) are now past, and the churches are behind about $300 or more.

2ND, HOME MISSIONS.

Before the Spring meeting of Presbytery, *all* the funds collected for sustentation or Home Mission work, were sent direct to the Assembly's Committee, and returned to us throug their appropriation, and the churches were apportioned $700.00. But *now* all the funds collected for this cause are kept at home and the churches are apportioned $1,000. It is from this fund alone that our Home Mission work within our own bounds is now to be sustained; or rather that our weak churches are to be helped and kept alive. In the future we cannot expect aid of any consequence from the Assembly's Committee, and it is of the utmost importance that the ministers and elders should understand this, and deem it *imperative* that the apportionment laid upon their respective churches for this cause be promptly met.

From April 1st to October 1st the whole amount contributed to this cause is only $170.71, and of this amount $72.82 was forwarded to the Assembly's Committee before the change of plan went into effect, leaving us in the Treasury only $97.79 with which to settle a half year's salary with our Home Mission supplies! This report is humiliating! The times for collections are August and January, and for the August collection only about $100.00 have been received. The apportionment is $1,000. The January collection is yet to be received. We are in arrears to December 1st to Messrs. Currie, Fogartie, Ruff and Cr ig to the amount of $273.33, and we have in the Treasury only $97.79 to meet this indebtedness.

3RD, VACANT CHURCHES.

We have at present twelve vacant churches; but some of these are self-sustaining, and expect soon to have a pastor. Those that are not self-sustaining and expect help from the Home Mission Fund are as follows: Asheboro, Worthville, Calah, Bethesda, Yanceyville, Mebanes, Bethlehem, Jamestown and Oak Forest.

Those that are supplied and yet to receive help are Mount Airy,

Burlington, Springwood, Stony Creek, Speedwell, Chapel Hill, and New Hope.

By a judicious grouping a great deal of trouble and money might be saved in sustaining these churches. 1. Asheboro and Worthville are now grouped with Lexington, and it is believed that this will be a self-sustaining field, and we have good reason to believe that a minister will soon be in charge. That will relieve the Home Mission Agency of two churches, Worthville and Asheboro.

2. Jamestown is now grouped with High Point church, forming another self-sustaining field, and as in the other case a pastor will soon be in charge, and the Home Mission Agency will be relieved of another church, Jamestown.

3. Mebane and Bethlehem churches are close together, and your Agent has found it to be impossible to supply these churches unless they are grouped with some other church or churches, and if this is done it will perhaps involve the dissolution of some pastoral relation.

4. What is known as the Caswell field is the most difficult to manage, the hardest to supply, and, perhaps, the most needy and in the most critical condition of all others. The old group consisted of Yanceyville, Bethesda and Griers churches, but at an adjourned meeting of the Presbytery during the summer, Griers church, at their own earnest request, was allowed to withdraw from the group and form an alliance with Milton church. Your Agent had secured the services of a young minister from Concord Presbytery, who was on the ground and had entered upon the work, when Griers church was permitted to withdraw from the group, and the young man left the field. Since that time earnest efforts have been made, but all in vain, to secure a minister. Yanceyville and Bethesda churches, left alone, are in great danger of speedy depletion or extinction. There is a prospect, however, that the way may soon be open for Red House church to come into the group, and to this might be added Oak Forest church, and yet all four of these churches would not raise, perhaps, more than $400 for salary.

Your Agent has earnestly endeavored to encourage and help the weak and vacant churches by every means in his power. He has given much time and labor to this end, and has written personally to all the brethren and churches in the hope of stimulating the grace of giving to this great cause.

Recommendations.

1. That in the payment of our Home Mission supplies, the year shall be uniform, beginning and ending with December 1st.

2. That inasmuch as there is some confusion in the receipts and disbursements of the Evangelistic Fund, growing out of the change of plan of coöperation, we appropriate the surplus now on hand, after having paid the Synodical assessment up to December 1st, to our Home Mission Supplies and Expenses. (This does not at all affect the plan of cooperation for the future.)

3. That an appropriation of $300 be made to the Caswell field, for one year, beginning December 1st; and that whenever the way is open Red House and Oak Forest churches be included in the group with Yanceyville and Bethesda.

4. That the appropriation for the Chapel Hill field for next year, beginning with December 1st, shall be $300, instead of $350 as heretofore.

5. That the appropriation for the Burlington field for the next year, beginning with December 1st, shall be $150, instead of $200 as heretofore.

6. We recommend a continuation of the appropriation for six months, beginning with November 1st, to Mount Airy church, at the rate of $75 per year.

7. We recommend that the appropriation to Speedwell church for the next year, beginning with December 1st, be $50, instead of $65 as heretofore. Total, $875.00.

8. That the Stated Clerk and Agent of Home Missions be instructed to prepare a letter and send it to each church, informing them of the amount of their individual apportionment for Home Missions and Colored Evangelization and urge upon them the payment of the same before April 1st, 1892.

9. That the Stated Clerk be instructed to write to the churches of the Burlington and Chapel Hill groups, and inform them of the reduction in the appropriation heretofore made to them, and urge upon them to supply the deficiency by earnest effort to raise the amount of salary for their ministers.

Respectfully submitted,

D. I. CRAIG,

Agent of Home Missions.

The report was approved, and the recommendations adopted.

It was further

Resolved, That the Home Mission Agent be instructed to induce churches or groups of churches to become individually responsible for the entire necessary support of Home Mission fields.

The report of the committee on grouping the churches was presented, and after discussion was laid on the table.

The following Missionary Supplies were appointed:

To visit Yanceyville—Revs. J. H. Smith, D. D., W. S. Campbell
" Bethesda—Revs. W. R. Coppedge and D. I. Craig.
" Mebane—Revs. J. H. Smith, D. D., and S. O. Hall.
" Bethlehem—Revs. G. A. Wilson and W. F. Wilhelm.
" Mount Airy—Rev. E. P. Davis.
" Asheboro—Rev. R. W. Culbertson.
" Roxboro—Revs. H. T. Darnall and W. F. Wilhelm.

The report of Licentiate S. G. Walker was approved, and the Presbytery resolved to ordain him to the full work of the ministry if the way be clear.

Presbytery resolved that when we adjourn this afternoon we adjourn to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

The Committee on Leave of Absence made a report, which was approved.

The Committee on Installations reported, recommending the following order for the installation of Rev. J. C. Dinwiddie at High Point, which was adopted:

Rev. E. P. Davis to preach and charge the pastor.

Rev. J. H. Smith, D. D., to propound the constitutional questions and charge the people. Rev. D. I. Craig to be alternate to Mr. Davis, and Rev. J. H. Lacy to be alternate to Dr. Smith.

The time to be the 4th Sunday in October.

Revs. J. H. Lacy and W. R. Coppedge and Dr. Beall, of Westminster church, were appointed a permanent Committee on Colored Evangelization.

Presbytery then adjourned with prayer.

SATURDAY, October 10, 1891.

Presbytery met at 10 o'clock, and was opened with prayer.

Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The order of the day was then taken up, and Licentiate S. G. Walker preached a sermon from Heb. 4:2, which was sustained as a satisfactory part of trial.

Licentiate Walker was then examined in open Presbytery on experimental religion, Theology, church government and sacraments, which was sustained as satisfactory.

His literary examinations were referred to a committee consisting of Revs. J. H. Smith, D. D., and J. L. Currie.

Presbytery then took recess to meet at 1 P. M.

After recess Presbytery met and received the report of the special Examining Committee, recommending that the examination of Simon G. Walker on his literary course be sustained.

The report was adopted, and the examination as a whole was sustained.

After a sermon by Rev. W. S. Campbell, Presbytery ordained Licentiate Walker by the laying on of hands and prayer, and his name was enrolled as a member of the Presbytery.

The following paper was then adopted.

The Presbytery of Orange examined Simon G. Walker, a colored licentiate, on his experimental acquaintance with religion and the motives which influence him to desire the sacred office. We have heard him preach a sermon and have further examined him on Theology, Ecclesiastical History, the Sacraments and Church government. We did not examine him on Latin, Greek or Hebrew, nor on Mental Philosophy, Logic, Rhetoric or Ethics, nor on the natural and exact sciences, considering his case as an extraordinary one, and that the foregoing examinations, voted to be satisfactory, meets the object in view in the ordination, especially of colored ministers.

The following resolution was adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the Presbytery expresses its hearty thanks to the good people of Alamance for their kind and generous hospitality shown us while among them, and we invoke upon them the blessing of God, and pray that He may soon send to them an under shepherd to break to them the bread of life.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator during the meetings of the Synod in Durham, N. C., and was closed with singing, prayer and the apostolic benediction.

J. E. FOGARTIE,
Moderator.

ATTEST:

H. T. DARNALL,
Stated Clerk.

TABLE OF APPORTIONMENTS.

	F. Missions. May.	Home Missions. Jan. and Aug.	Invalid Fund. July.	Education. April and Nov.	Publication. March.	Evangelistic. June and Sept.	Co'ld Evang'l. Dec.	Ch'rch Erection.	Presbyterial Fund.
Alamance	$ 50	$ 36	$ 10	$ 20	$ 8	$ 22	$ 15	$ 7	$ 12
Bhthel	38	36	8	20	6	22	14	5	12
Bethesda	10	8	2	4	3	7	5	2	4
Buffalo	40	25	5	15	6	20	12	4	10
Bethlehem	18	20	4	10	3	17	5	2	5
Burlington	20	18	7	6	4	15	9	3	5
Calah	....	....	...	...	....	....	....	...	....
C. Hill	38	20	5	10	5	15	9	5	8
C. Roads	45	36	12	18	5	25	15	8	15
Durham	45	40	12	20	10	30	25	8	18
Eno	12	8	2	3	3	6	5	2	2
Fairfield	10	8	2	3	3	7	6	2	2
Graham	170	90	20	45	12	70	28	15	25
Greensboro	300	175	50	100	20	140	45	25	40
Griers	10	8	2	3	3	6	5	2	3
Hawfields	45	36	12	18	5	25	10	8	15
H. Point	25	20	5	7	5	18	8	5	8
Hillsboro	35	15	12	7	5	14	14	8	6
Jamestown	7	7	3	3	2	6	5	2	3
Leaksville	20	18	5	5	5	17	8	4	8
Lexington	25	25	5	10	5	20	10	4	15
L. River	20	20	5	10	3	18	8	3	10
Madison	37	20	5	10	5	18	12	4	10
Mebane	20	15	5	6	5	10	5	5	8
Midway	10	8	2	3	3	7	6	2	4
Milton	50	30	12	15	5	28	18	7	12
Mt. Airy	10	8	2	3	3	7	7	2	3
N. Hope	15	10	3	5	3	7	5	2	6
O. Forest	5	3	1	2	2	2	2	2	3
R. House	15	10	3	5	3	8	10	5	5
Reidsville	50	35	12	20	8	30	15	8	17
Speedwell	5	5	1	2	2	4	5	2	2
S. Wood	16	15	3	8	3	14	7	2	6
S. Creek	15	12	3	6	3	8	7	2	4
Wentworth	18	10	2	5	3	7	5	2	5
Westminster	75	25	12	20	10	25	25	8	15
Winston	275	130	45	50	20	100	55	20	25
Yanceyville	7	6	2	3	2	5	5	2	2
	$1606	$1011	$301	$500	$200	$800	$450	$200	$353

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